

# MINUTES

MEETING	Chemistry Library Advisory Committee (CHEMLAC)
PRESENT	Professor Martin Banwell, Dr Michael Collins, Dr Christopher Delfs, Dr Nick Dixon, Professor Anthony Hill, Dr Mark Humphrey, Ms Samantha Jackson (from 10.45), Mr Paul McNamara (Chair), Mrs Joan Smith.
APOLOGIES	Dr Russell Barrow.
DATE/TIME	10am on Tuesday 8th November 2005
VENUE	RSC Board Room

## 2. CHEMLAC - MINUTES OF MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER 2004

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

## 3. SCILAC - MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25 JULY 2005

Mr McNamara spoke to the recent SCILAC meeting. Professor Banwell had also attended this meeting, as CHEMLAC's representative.

### **SIS Access & Collections Budget**

There were no additional funds added to the SIS/Library budget in 2005. Publisher inflation is currently masked by the favourable exchange rates for the Australian dollar, but there is concern about what will happen when the currency drops in value. Contingency funds were available in the event of a drop in the value of the Australian dollar.

The Division of Information had come to arrangements with the major suppliers of serials to the Library such that the business risk in dealing with these companies was considerably reduced.

### **Space**

Last year the committee was informed about plans for an off-campus store for library materials. At that time, the Library had been in discussions with the University of Sydney and subsequently with other ACT cultural institutions regarding a store.

The Library is now investigating a store located in Hume. The store is currently leased to the National Library of Australia, and will become available in June 2006. The building has 3000m<sup>2</sup> of space, with approximately 28,000 metres of shelving. The University Librarian will commence negotiations with the owner of the building in the coming weeks.

The ANU Library is in discussions with a number of institutions, including the University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales, and Monash University, about sharing the facility such that greater access to a larger amount of material can be provided for all users.

#### **4. SCIENCE ACCESS AND COLLECTIONS BUDGET 2005**

Mr McNamara spoke to the previously distributed table. The Division of Information has purchased US dollars, Euros and British Pounds at favourable rates against known commitments for large serial packages and databases. While the exchange rate is currently favourable, there is some concern the strength of the Australian dollar is masking the effect of publisher inflation. The chemistry budget has significant funds for one-off purchases such as monographs. It was agreed to order outstanding monograph proposals. It was noted that the proposals pass a review process within RSC.

#### **5. PURCHASES AND PROPOSALS**

Mr McNamara spoke to the list of subscription proposals, which had previously been distributed to the Committee.

##### **DiscoveryGate**

The committee agreed that although DiscoveryGate may be a useful addition to the online collection, it is not possible to subscribe to it with the current budget.

##### **E-EROS**

The committee expressed an interest in a trial of E-EROS to check usability, particularly with Macintosh computers. Dr Delfs requested that detailed system requirements to run E-EROS be provided by Wiley. Ms Jackson agreed to approach Wiley prior to trialling the product. It was agreed February 2006 would be the best time to trial E-EROS.

##### **SciFinder Scholar**

In light of requests from members of the school for additional seats on SciFinder Scholar, detailed statistics for usage in March 2005 had been provided to the Committee. The majority of use (84%) originates from RSC and the Chemistry Department, the Faculties. Over 90% of use is between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

In light of the figures provided and the cost to upgrade the subscription, it was agreed the current number of seats to SciFinder Scholar would be maintained.

Professor Banwell undertook to remind users of the need to keep their sessions to the time they actually needed to conduct their search. Ms Jackson agreed to provide Professor Banwell with a list of IP addresses for users with sessions in excess of 30 mins between 9am and 5pm.

##### **Heterocycles**

Pricing information was provided for Heterocycles. Professor Banwell withdrew his support for the title in light of the 2006 subscription price.

#### **6. LIBRARY LOCATIONS AND SPACE**

Mr McNamara spoke about recent and upcoming changes to Library locations and space on campus.

##### **Physical Sciences Library**

The Physical Sciences Library closed in September 2005. The Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering is refurbishing the Le Couteur Building and will use the space previously occupied by the Library for other purposes. The majority of the Physical Sciences collection has been integrated into the Hancock Library, with some journal titles now housed in other branches.

### **Eccles Medical Sciences Library**

The Library has been asked to vacate the space it currently occupies in JCSMR by April 2006. There will not be a library in the new JCSMR buildings. It is anticipated the collections will be moved out of the Eccles Medical Sciences Library in the 2005-2006 long vacation. Monographs will be integrated into the Hancock Building. Space considerations may mean journals from the Eccles Library will be placed in storage prior to being moved to the new off-campus store in the second half of 2006.

The Committee discussed the possibility of selected Medical Sciences journals being moved to Chemistry. Committee members raised some concerns about the space required for the moves. Dr Dixon suggested that some low-use chemistry titles could be moved to the store to make way for high-use titles from Medical Sciences. In light of this discussion, Professor Banwell requested a list of Medical Sciences journal titles. Ms Jackson agreed to provide a list to Professor Banwell.

### **Astronomy Library, Mt. Stromlo**

Reconstruction of the Mt Stromlo administration building is scheduled to begin in March 2006, and is expected to take twelve months. The new administration building will include space for the Library.

### **Earth Sciences Library**

It is unlikely that the proposed combined building for RSES and the Department of Earth and Marine Sciences will go ahead in the immediate future. The building was to have been located adjacent to RSES. The Earth Sciences branch currently has little space for growth.

### **Division of Information Contact Centre**

A DOI Contact Centre will be established in the Chifley Building as a "one-stop-shop" for information and IT needs. The centre will bring together library staff, InfoPlace consultants, Scholarly Desktop Services help staff and Voice Services help staff. The development of the centre will place some pressure on space in the Chifley Building. It is anticipated the contact centre will be established in 2006.

### **Off-Campus Store**

The Library plans to take over a lease currently held by the National Library of Australia on a store located in Hume. The store will become in the second half of 2006.

Journals available online would be the first items to be moved to the store. Print journals would be moved to the store, using a yet to be determined cut-off date, in the event that the removal of online journals does not release sufficient space on campus.

### **Chemistry Library Refurbishment**

Mr. McNamara provided an update on progress with the refurbishment of the front of the Chemistry branch library. The University Architect has provided an estimate of the cost of the work. Mr. McNamara suggested that Professor Banwell speak with the Dean of RSC and the University Architect to establish how best to progress the project.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 11:30am