

MINUTES

MEETING	Chemistry Library Advisory Committee (CHEMLAC)
PRESENT	Professor Martin Banwell, Dr Russell Barrow, Dr Michael Collins, Dr Christopher Delfs, Dr Mark Humphrey, Ms Samantha Jackson, Mr Paul McNamara (Chair), Professor Gottfried Otting, Mrs Joan Smith.
APOLOGIES	Professor Anthony Hill.
DATE/TIME	2:30pm on Tuesday 7th August 2007
VENUE	RSC Board Room

2. CHEMLAC - MINUTES OF MEETING 4 JULY 2006

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

3. SCILAC - MEETING OF 28 MAY 2007

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

Access and Collections Budget

Funding for the University's Access and Collections Budget is set at approximately \$8 million in 2007. Reserve funds against contingencies, such as a currency fluctuation, continue to be available.

Publisher inflation has been greater in recent years than increases in the funding level for the Access and Collections Budget. Foreign currency has been purchased at favourable rates and will be used to maximize the purchasing power of the Budget

There may be an opportunity for one-off purchases at the end of the year. In the past, available funds have been used towards purchasing electronic journal backfiles and similar resources.

Go8 Last Copy Collection Strategy

The Group of Eight universities are discussing a last copy retention strategy. This will allow for a rationalization of print collections across the Go8, meaning reduced duplication in items stored. Several meetings have been held to date. Initially, the group will be focussing on journals replicated as electronic backsets.

Collection Relocation Project

The Collection Relocation Project has started. A commercial removalist company has been contracted to assist with the move of material from campus to the ANU Print Repository in Hume. The transfer of material from Acton Store commenced in the first week of August, to be followed by serials from Hancock. The Hancock Building moves will be completed by the end of 2007, and transfers from other Library locations will be completed in mid-2008.

Material stored in the print repository will continue to be accessible. Articles will be scanned and sent via a document delivery service, and books can be sent to campus within 24 hours of being requested, Monday to Friday. There is also a reading room on site. Following a suggestion from a member of SCILAC, a trial document delivery service was established in March this year to demonstrate the service to be available from the print repository. This trial proved invaluable in establishing the service to be provided from the store and was well used and well received.

A website providing information about the project is linked from the main Library page. Included on the page is a full timetable for the moves, as well as detail of what has been moved on a daily basis.

4. SCIENCE ACCESS AND COLLECTIONS BUDGET 2007

Mr McNamara spoke to the previously distributed budget papers. Publisher inflation has been calculated at 7%, with the exception of larger packages where the contracted inflation rate (generally 5%) has been used. Funds have been set aside for orders placed but not received in 2006.

A more accurate figure for the funds available for monograph purchases would not be available until later in the year. Professor Banwell expressed a wish to avoid having to place a large number of monograph proposals at the end of the year. Mr McNamara suggested that lower priority chemistry monograph proposals could be placed aside until the end of the year, while higher priority titles could continue to be ordered as normal.

Dr Humphrey asked if monograph requests were being received from all areas. Professor Banwell replied that some areas are more assiduous about suggesting monographs than others. Dr Humphrey suggested it may be useful to nominate a person in each area to put forward requests.

5. PROPOSALS AND OFFERS

Ms Jackson spoke to the list of subscription proposals, which had previously been distributed to the Committee.

Journal of Rheology

The Committee agreed to support a subscription for this title, given its relevance and the low cost.

European Journal of Mass Spectrometry

This title is currently on the biology budget, and it is proposed that it either be transferred to the chemistry budget, either entirely or in part. The Committee proposed to discuss the journal's importance with the relevant RSC staff member, and requested additional information about the journal. Ms Jackson agreed to provide this information following the meeting.

Royal Society of Chemistry eBooks Offer

An offer for the Royal Society eBooks package has been received, providing online access and ownership for a one-off payment. The Committee agreed searchable electronic access would be advantageous. It would also be useful for students and providing course readings. The Committee requested confirmation that access would be for an unlimited number of simultaneous users. Ms Jackson agreed to provide this information following the meeting.

Discoverygate

A representative from Discoverygate had recently visited the Library to provide a current product overview, with the offer of trial access. The Committee agreed a trial would be useful, particularly with a view to comparing Discoverygate to similar electronic products. Ms. Jackson agreed to arrange a trial.

SciFinder Scholar

A representative from SciFinder had recently made contact to remind the Library of the option to purchase additional seats for SciFinder Scholar.

6. SCIFINDER SCHOLAR USAGE STATISTICS

The Committee discussed the SciFinder Scholar usage statistics, noting there was little change from previous years with the exception of the increase in access via the Citrix server, indicating increased use by students and from off-campus.

7. SPACE

Mr. McNamara spoke to the use of space in the Hancock Building

.Library collections will occupy the Basement and most of Level 1 in Hancock West. The College of Science has moved into the remainder of Hancock West Level 1. Discussions are underway regarding the future use of Levels 2, 3 and 4. The Library will occupy Hancock East for the next 3-5 years. The College of Science is undertaking a large building project valued at over \$100 million, and Library services, together with other student services, will be a focal point for this development.

Professor Banwell asked if there had been discussions about the future location of the Chemistry Branch Library in the event that the Research School of Chemistry is relocated to another building as part of the College of Science project. Mr McNamara replied that he was not aware of any such discussions

Planning is underway on best uses for the remaining space in Hancock for the next 3-5 years. The aim is to make Hancock as attractive a user space as possible, and to include social space, collaborative study space and quiet study space. Members of the DOI Space Services program have visited new and recently renovated university library buildings in Queensland to inform the planning process.

8. SCIENCE BRANCH LIBRARIES

Mt Stromlo Library Space: Mr McNamara noted that he and Ms Jackson had recently visited the rebuilt Commonwealth Solar Observatory building, which includes library space.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Professor Banwell proposed a vote of thanks to Joan Smith for her work following the damage to the Birch Building caused by storms earlier in the year. Joan's efforts helped to save or prevent damage to much of the collection. The Committee thanked Mrs Smith by acclamation.