

# MINUTES

- MEETING Chemistry Library Advisory Committee (CHEMLAC)
- PRESENT Dr Russell Barrow, Dr Michael Collins, Professor Anthony Hill, Dr Mark Humphrey, Ms Samantha Jackson, Dr Mal McLeod, Mr Paul McNamara (Chair), Professor Gottfried Otting, Mrs Joan Smith.
- APOLOGIES Dr Christopher Delfs. Mr McNamara expressed thanks to Professor Banwell on behalf of the committee for his work on CHEMLAC. Mr McNamara welcomed Dr McLeod to the committee. It was agreed that Professor Hill would represent CHEMLAC on SCILAC
- DATE/TIME 2:30pm on Thursday 11th September 2008
- VENUE RSC Board Room

## 2. CHEMLAC - MINUTES OF MEETING 7 AUGUST 2007

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

## 3. SCILAC - MEETING OF 4 JUNE 2008

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

### Go8 Last Copy Collection Strategy

Seven of the Group of Eight universities (excluding the University of Western Australia) are proceeding with the Last Copy Collection Strategy. Legal agreements regarding the arrangements are currently being drafted. Professor Otting queried the availability of print copies should the online version be inadequate. For example, Science has not scanned many older issues in colour, making the diagrams difficult to use. Mr McNamara agreed to enquire about the scanning facilities available at each of the seven libraries should a copy of the original article be required.

### Collection Relocation Project

The collection relocation from Hancock to the ANU Print Repository was completed in 2007, with a large proportion of material from Hancock now in Hume. The document scanning service from the Repository is in high demand. Dr Collins asked if any science monographs had been located to the Repository. Mr McNamara responded that no Science monographs had been relocated, but other subject areas on campus had moved formed monograph collections. There are no plans to move any science monographs off-campus.

### ArticleReach

The Library has joined a consortium of libraries from the USA and UK to provide free, unmediated document delivery. . The service will allow staff and students to request that copies of journal articles

not held at the University be emailed to them from another of the participating libraries. The service will launch in the coming weeks.

### **Open Access**

Mr. Vic Elliott, the University Librarian, had co-authored a paper regarding open access and the University. The paper was presented to the University Research Committee in March. The paper was also to be presented to the College Research Committees. The Paper outlined the need for a higher profile to be given to open access at the ANU, and summarised support that was being given to open access by other organizations.

### **4. SCIENCE ACCESS AND COLLECTIONS BUDGET 2008**

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 price increase (generally 5%) has been used. Funds have been set aside for orders placed but not received in 2007.

The exchange rate has continued to be favourable, and this has masked the impact of inflation on the Library budget. It was noted that US dollars had been purchase earlier in the year at a favourable exchange rate and these would be used for large bills.

At the most recent BIOLAC meeting, there was a request to review the current allocation formula. Dr Barrow asked if the Library budget would be split according to the new College structure. Mr McNamara replied that the work used in the College allocation exercise may be of use in discussions about the Access and Collections Budget.

Professor Hill asked the reason for the deficit in psychology. Mr McNamara replied much of psychology's budget is tied to packages, and the area has a high requirement for monographs.

Dr Collins commented that it was usual for allocations to be assessed every few years.

### **6. ACS JOURNAL PRICING**

Ms Jackson spoke to a paper detailing the American Chemical Society's new pricing model, and the implications for the Chemistry budget. The new pricing arrangements take a number of factors into consideration, including usage profiles, content contribution (viewed by ACS as usage) and use of a World bank Index to determine a country's ability to afford the package. The ANU would be paying 27% more for its 2009 subscriptions. Price increases would then be capped at 5% pa for the next few years.

### **6. PURCHASES AND PROPOSALS**

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

#### **Molecular Biosystems**

The committee supported a subscription to this title.

#### **E-Eros**

This resource had recently been trialled and recommended by a research group in the Research School of Chemistry. It was agreed to subscribe for twelve months, with the committee to review usage statistics prior to renewal.

### **Comprehensive Medicinal Chemistry II**

The committee felt that given the subject relevance to several areas of the university, the title should be put forward as a proposal against one-off Director's funds.

### **Nature Chemistry**

Mr McNamara noted that Nature is launching a new journal, Nature Chemistry, in 2009.

## **7. SCIFINDER SCHOLAR**

The new Web version of SciFinder Scholar is being rolled out to universities, with no definite date for the ANU as yet. Seats are assigned to each version of SFS, meaning the group will need to decide how many seats are allocated to the Web and Desktop versions. Dr Barrow noted that out of hours usage would likely increase if seats were dedicated to the Web version, assuming it is easier to use than the current access via the Citrix server. Dr McLeod stated a preference for choosing the best version and allocating all the seats to that version. Ms Jackson agreed to follow up with the Australian SciFinder Scholar representative regarding the Web version.

A detailed statistical breakdown was tabled. It was noted the statistics continue to follow a pattern of use from 8am-6pm, weekdays. Usage is concentrated in RSC and the Department of Chemistry.

The option to increase the number of SciFinder Scholar seats from two to six was discussed. The issue had previously been raised at the Dean's Advisory Group meeting, and an upgrade was recommended. CHEMLAC endorsed this recommendation, noting that this upgrade, combined with the increase in the cost of the ACS package, would have a negative impact on the funds available to purchase monographs. SciFinder Scholar will be increased to six seats.

## **8. SPACE**

Mr McNamara noted several developments around the university.

### **Stromlo**

The Stromlo branch library is in the process of being established, with a staff member dedicated to cataloguing donations and establishing processes.

### **Earth Sciences**

The Research School of Earth Sciences requires additional staff space, meaning a reduction in Library space. The Library is currently looking to discard duplicates and move items to the Repository to make the requires space gains.

### **Learning Spaces**

Additional learning spaces are being added to Chifley, Creative Arts and Menzies.

### **Wireless and Laptops**

More wireless access points will be added Library buildings, and additional powerpoints will be installed to allow students better access via laptops.

### **Printing**

A new student printing system is planned for 2009.

## **Chemistry**

Plans for the new Chemistry building do not include library space. It was noted that the timetable for the new Chemistry building is unclear at this stage.

Following on from a discussion chaired by Vic Elliott in the Research School of Chemistry, a list of journal titles was provided to RSC listing the journal holdings in the Chemistry branch, including those which would move to the repository applying the existing guidelines.

When Hancock Library was respaced, provision was made for the inclusion of Chemistry monographs, but there is not space for chemistry journals.

Professor Hill noted that there had been only two responses to the journals list, and would follow this up again.

Dr McLeod said that he had attended the meeting with Mr Elliott, and that he felt it was generally accepted that the journals would be moved to the Repository. Professor Hill commented that not all journal material was available electronically.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr Otting asked where *Methods in Enzymology* is located, and if the current volumes of *Methods in Enzymology* were available electronically. Ms Jackson agreed to investigate, noting that this title may be on a non-chemistry budget.

The meeting closed at 3:30pm.