

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS, COMMERCE, GEOGRAPHY LIBRARY ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE (ECGLAC) MEETING

The meeting of the **Economics, Commerce, Geography Library Advisory Sub-Committee** was held on **Thursday 16th June, 2011** commencing at 2.30 pm in the Graneek Room, 4th Floor, J.B. Chifley Building.

Present: Ms Helena Zobec (Chair), Mrs. Jacqui Kempton (Minutes), Dr. Chung Tran, Dr. Richard Winter, Dr. Bruce Doran

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Helena Zobec (Chair) welcomed Committee members
- Apologies were received from Dr. David McKendrick who is represented by Dr. Richard Winter, Dr. Amy Lui and Assoc. Prof. Chris Manning.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

- [Minutes of 2010 meeting](#) taken as a true and accurate record. No members of the 2010 committee (other than the chair) were able to attend the 2011 meeting.

3. Business arising from the minutes

- All action items from 2010 meeting had been attended to. Dr. Yuji Tamura had queried the purchase of Handbooks in Economics e-book series from Science Direct. This title has been subscribed to and is now part of the collection.
- Dr. Winter enquired as to the process followed should a journal subscription suggestion be rejected by the committee. Ms. Zobec advised that the proposer is notified of the decision as soon as practical.

4. Division of Information Report

- Ms. Zobec announced to the committee that the University Librarian, Mr. Vic Elliott, had announced his retirement and will leave the university on 30 June 2011. Ms. Maggie Shapley, the University Archivist, will act in the position until the vacancy is recruited to.

Summary of University Librarian's Report presented at [Social Sciences & Humanities Library Advisory Committee \(SSHLAC\) Meeting of 7 June 2011](#)

4.1 Consolidation of Libraries

- Consolidation of the Earth Sciences and Chemistry Libraries into the Hancock Library has now been completed. Staff from Earth Sciences Library have relocated to the Hancock Library
- Vic Elliott marked the passing (in Dec 2010) of the Chemistry Librarian, Joan Smith, who had an extensive history with the ANU Library and was highly regarded by staff within the Chemistry Research School
- An additional proposal is for the Music Library to be relocated into the Art Library at ANU. The space of the existing Music Library is proposed to be re-purposed for the School of Music and includes a Seminar Room, Music Practice Rooms and a 24-hour computing facility for student access.
- Consultation with School of Music staff and students is still taking place. School of Music students have met with the Vice-Chancellor and are currently responding to his paper after meeting with him
- Proposal has aroused some controversy and the matter had not been fully settled at the time of the June 2011 SSLAC meeting
- Vic Elliott outlined the detail of the proposal in relation to amalgamating the two collections including how the combined collection would fit within the Art Library
- Direct access to the (combined) collection will be retained

- Art Library Seminar Room will be made available in the School of Music as part of the proposal
- Dr. Doran enquired about the usage of the Hume Repository and Ms. Zobec was able to provide usage statistics
- Dr. Winter enquired about the insurance for the Hume Repository and was advised that it is adequately covered in the university insurance policies

4.2 Insync Library Survey 2010

- Vic Elliott spoke to the [2010 ANU Library Survey Summary Report](#) as well as referring to the Go6 Comparative report that was released just after ANU completed the 2010 Library Survey
- 2010 Library Survey had a response rate of 1065, giving us a 95% confidence level and considered as a valid sample size for this survey
- 77.2% overall weight of approval which was a substantial positive increase on the 2008 Library Survey
- There were no significant gap scores between services provided and meeting client expectations of performance against those services. This is also a good outcome of the survey as compared with the 2008 Library Survey
- The top 10 gaps recorded will now be addressed at the precinct level where feedback was specific to particular Precinct libraries (examples for Chifley include noise levels and students "earmarking" computers for extensive periods throughout the day denying others' access to a computer)
- The Insync Survey is conducted across 39 Australian and New Zealand University Libraries making this a good benchmarking tool to measure client satisfaction
- ANU was ranked in the top 50% across all University Libraries who participate in this survey and we were delighted at the level of improvement from the 2008 ANU Library Survey, as well as across other libraries who complete the survey
- ANU also performed extremely well in the Go6 Comparative Summary Report (as 2 universities from the Go8 do not use this client survey but an alternative tool called LibQual)
- The Comparative report for the Go6 also showed a uniformity of collections across this group
- There was also some discussion at SSHLAC about the different requirements of undergraduates and postgraduates of Library services which was reported in the survey outcomes

4.3 Access and Collections Budget

- The Access and Collection allocation for the ANU Library in 2011 is \$8.53 mill which is an increase of \$500,000 on 2010 allocation and coming from an increased levy on the College budgets as per the University process for allocation of these budgets
- The advantage of the increased funds include:
 - The additional funds are now part of the base funding regardless of the fluctuation of the dollar
 - purchase of 2.75 million US dollars when the Australian dollar had parity will provide surety throughout the current budget cycle, regardless of dollar fluctuations
 - present high value of the dollar is in our favour in terms of the purchasing power of the dollar for overseas resources

4.4 SuperSearch

- SuperSearch is a sophisticated discovery tool that has improved access to the Library's purchased electronic resources
- This product replaces Metafind

- It was introduced in late April and is powered by Summon, made available via Serials Solutions, a ProQuest company
- This product provides article level access to electronic resources via a single search giving both breadth and depth to searches that the Library has not been able to offer previously
- The searching abilities of the Library's resources using the SuperSearch platform has also enabled us to address comments about the Library catalogue received via the biennial Library Client Surveys
- There has also been an extensive promotional campaign of the product advertising this service as an additional service to the Library catalogue

5. Access & Collection Budget

- Ms. Zobec provided committee members with a copy of the financial results for 2010
- 2011 Access and Collection budget currently being expended as appropriate
- Report against Millennium Report outlining allocations per fund code and what remains. An error in the financials spreadsheet caused the "Business" budget figures to appear incorrectly. Mrs. Kempton emailed an update to committee members after the meeting, which indicated that \$92,214.68 remains in the access and collections budget
- There has been an overall increase of 8.12% across the SSH allocation in 2011
- Majority of requests received this year have been processed where the material is able to be sourced
- Currently following up on an error in the Sociology allocation for electronic resources but this looks to be an error in the cell formulae used
- Continue to encourage orders from discipline areas, particularly those who still have a healthy balance
- Our focus this year will be on electronic resources (because of the storage issue within the space available for the physical collection)
- We have also been informed that the hardware required to support VHS will no longer be supported, so we are systematically looking to replace all VHS resources (not already replaced) with an alternative format where possible

6. Collection Update

- Mrs. Kempton spoke to the ECGLAC Collection Update Report June 2011 that was circulated to members prior to the meeting.
- Dr. Winter enquired about the funding for resource trials and new subscriptions to databases. Trials are usually at no cost to the library and new subscriptions are funded from the relevant subject discipline(s) access and collections budget.

6.1 Journals proposed for purchase

- Venezuelan Oil and Gas Report – not approved. Committee members suggested that the proposer account for such expenses in grant proposals as they would be of little wider benefit to the university.
- Water Policy - approved
- Geneva Risk and Insurance Review – approved

6.2 Low Usage Journals

- Mrs. Kempton reported that 2010 statistics are showing less than favourable usage of some electronic resources. Members were asked to circulate a tabled (and emailed) list of journals experiencing low use and ask colleagues to encourage higher use, suggest alternate resources, or endorse cancellation of publications. Feedback to be provided to Mrs. Kempton.

7. National Library of Australia Report

- At the [Social Sciences & Humanities Library Advisory Committee \(SSHLAC\) meeting of 7 June 2011](#), Vera Dunn, Acting Manager Overseas Collection Development, National Library of Australia, presented a report on recent National Library acquisitions relevant to the social sciences and humanities. A summary of this report is available in the [Sciences & Humanities Library Advisory Committee \(SSHLAC\) Minutes 7 June 2011](#).

Close of meeting