

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 **Monday 10th September, 2012** commencing at 10.00am in the Graneek Room, 4th Floor, J.B. Chifley Building.

Present: Ms Helena Zobec (Chair), Mrs Jacqui Kempton (Minutes), Dr Chung Tran, Dr Bruce Doran, Dr Amy Liu, Prof Raghbendra Jha, Dr David McKendrick

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Helena Zobec (Chair) welcomed Committee members
- Apologies were received from Mr Alex Wang
- Welcome to Prof Raghbendra Jha, replacing Assoc Prof Chris Manning on this Committee and representing the Crawford School of Public Policy. Our thanks go to Prof Chris Manning, who has retired from the ANU, for his valuable contributions to ECGLAC over the many years he has been on this Committee

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

- [Minutes of 2011 meeting](#) were taken as a true and accurate record

3. Business arising from the minutes

- All action items from 2011 meeting had been completed. As recommended by the committee, the Venezuelan Oil and Gas Report was not acquired by the Library.
- A listing of low use journals was circulated by Jacqui Kempton to members with titles endorsed for cancellation where appropriate or alternative titles suggested

4. Division of Information Report

- Ms Roxanne Missingham, University Librarian, provided a report (circulated to members) to the 2012 SSSLAC meeting
- The briefing paper outlines some of the directions/issues being looked at by the Library at the ANU and was given in-principle support from the SSSLAC group. The paper was summarised by Ms Zobec, below:

4.1.1 General Issues

- Ms Roxanne Missingham reported that the Library/SIS would now operate separately from the Division of Information (DoI), with separate budgets
- The DoI was recently reviewed as part of the broader University Administrative Reviews process across all non-teaching areas
- Library/SIS will be reviewed in November 2012 and members of Committees are encouraged to make a submission to the Review, individually or through their College
- The Library will be making a submission and copies of this submission will be made available to members of Library Advisory Committees
- The changing nature of research at the ANU sees the Library's collection reflecting those changes through strategies such as expanding open access to resources via the Library's discovery tool. The number of e-resources (including e-books) continues to grow in the collection

4.1.2 Library Services

- Art and Music Libraries have been successfully consolidated and no materials have been moved off-site due to the installation of a compactus
- It was noted staff savings from consolidation will be returned to Access and Collection budget

- Some significant collections have been acquired in 2012 such as major package of 80,000 e-books. Members of the committee discussed a range of issues around access to e-books, copyright and vendor licencing.
- Use of the discovery tool, SuperSearch continues to grow
- In response to feedback received, the Library is undertaking a trial of extended opening for a 4-week period from 9 October through to 2 November 2012
- Extended hours will result in Chifley, Hancock and Law Libraries being open to midnight Mondays to Thursdays during the 4 weeks of the trial. A communications plan has been developed to alert the University community and other users to this trial
- The 2012 biennial Library Survey has just been completed
- It is anticipated the results of this year's survey and the feedback from the trial will assist in determine the best mix of services for clients in the future within available resources – the best match with what is of high demand and what is affordable
- Current Library/SIS Projects include a new archive system, and electronic documents and records management system, document supply software and a refinement of workflows associated with acquisition of library materials with the aim of making these resources available to clients in a shorter turnaround time. Members of the committee discussed the benefits of such systems in terms of the reduction of risk in relation to copyright infringement and welcomed the introduction of such tools
- Library is also investigating further digitization of library and archive materials, in particular ANU Theses, and an automatic storage and retrieval system in the future

5. Access and Collections Budget

- A breakdown of the Access and Collection allocation for each subject area for the ANU Library in 2012 was tabled at the meeting
- Requests received to date in 2012 have been processed where relevant to teaching, learning and research and most cost effective solutions for our own environment have been sought
- Currently on target in terms of commitment and expenditure to date
- It is noted that the current exchange rates are contributing to the ability to acquire the majority of items requested and the current purchasing power of the Australian dollar
- Focus has been on the acquisition of electronic resources (where possible in support of the current direction as outlined in the University Librarian's Briefing Paper)
- Current print loans are still high but there has been a significant increase in use of e-resources
- A further increase in the Access and Collection Budget is being sought for 2013
- The committee discussed the difference in pricing between single user and multi user licences for resources they might acquire within their own area of study. Mrs Kempton reported that the purchase of Bankscope (see 5.2 below) was a great example of collaboration between units and pooling of resources to purchase a site licence.

5.2 Collection Update

- Mrs. Kempton spoke to the ECGLAC Collection Update Report September 2012 that was circulated to members prior to the meeting
- Of note was the recent purchase of a 12 month licence for the Bureau van Dijk product, Bankscope. Several areas of the University were interested in accessing this resource, but the price of the product made multi-user licences prohibitive. Through a collaborative process, the Crawford School of Public Policy, Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Applied Statistics, and the Library have pooled resources to purchase a site licence.

- Bankscope will be reviewed prior to the anniversary date to determine if future licences will be purchased

6. National Library of Australia Report

- At the [Social Sciences & Humanities Library Advisory Committee \(SSHLAC\) meeting of 28 August 2012](#), 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 Social Sciences & Humanities Library Advisory Committee (SSHLAC) meeting minutes of 28 August 2012

7. Items of other business

- Dr McKendrick queried the availability of inter-library loans from the National Library of Australia. Ms Zobec responded that in line with Document Supply Service costs, this is only possible if a service fee is charged
- Mrs Kempton alerted the group to a 3 month trial of the Informit Business package, which is set to be completed by the end of September 2012. Members were encouraged to test the product and provide feedback
- Ms Zobec invited the group to provide suggestions on how the Library can best market services (new and existing) to the University community, with the following suggestions:
 - A library newsletter or blog
 - Invite library staff to academic research days
 - Invite library staff to PhD inductions
 - Invite library staff to networking functions or faculty meetings
- Ms Zobec introduced the concept of a personal librarian for higher degree research students for introduction in 2013 -14
- Members of the group agreed to invite library staff to appropriate events to increase awareness of library services and resources

Close of meeting