Minutes of the LAWLAC meeting held on Friday, 3 December 2010, 2pm in the Library Meeting Room, Menzies Building

Present: Professor F Wheeler (Chair), Mr V Elliott, Ms S Heathcote (Law Library Liaison Committee), Ms S Walpola, Ms K Collier, Ms J Longley (minutes), Ms C Bowman.

1. Apologies: Mr T Cibiras.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising
The minutes of the 17 June 2010 meeting were accepted.

3. Business arising from the minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

4.1 Library Services in a Distributed Library System
Mr Elliott spoke to his paper on Library Services within a Distributed Library System. He noted that there had been a reduction in Library locations in recent years due to the increasing use of electronic scholarly resources, and the desire to reuse the space occupied by branch libraries. The Library now plans to close the Chemistry Library and the Earth Sciences Library in early 2011. Some of the collections will be moved to the Hancock Library and some moved to the ANU Print Repository at Hume. The staffing costs saved through natural attrition will be reallocated to the Access and Collection budget.

4.2 InSync Library Survey 2010
Mr Elliott advised that the biennial InSync Library user survey had been completed and the report had just been received. There had been an improvement in user satisfaction over the past two years and the ANU’s score had improved from 70.8% to 77.2%. The full report and executive summary would be made available online in a few weeks.

4.3 Access and Collections allocation 2011
Mr Elliott reported that the Library had received an additional $500,000 for the 2011 budget following a proposal to College Deans and a review of his submission by a sub-committee of four Deans.

4.4 Scholarly Services Planning Advisory Committee
Mr Elliott spoke about the work of the Scholarly Services Planning Advisory Committee. The Planning Advisory Committees have generated a number of priorities for the Division of Information and these had been passed to the University Information Strategy Committee for inclusion in the 2011 budget planning process. Most of these priorities relate to Enterprise Systems and IT developments. It was
unlikely that there would be resources available to proceed with all the prioritized tasks.

5. **Access and Collection Budget 2010**
The financial statement for period 11, 2010 was tabled. Ms Longley reported that approximately $6,000 of the $6,545 overspend was expenditure or encumbrance carried forward against orders from 2009.

5.1 **Cancellation proposals**
A list of serial titles proposed for cancellation was tabled. The following titles were considered:

- *The Digest* - Ms Longley had canvassed and received support before the meeting for cancellation of this title
- *Irish Jurist* - cancel
- *Commonwealth Law Reports* (2nd print set) – not to be cancelled and the two print sets as well as online access retained
- *Corporate Rescue & Insolvency* - consult with Craig Collins and Stephen Bottomley regarding possible cancellation

5.2 **New subscriptions**
A list of serial titles proposed for subscription was also tabled and discussed. The following new subscriptions will be purchased:

- *Acts of Parliament of Canada and Australia* (HeinOnline)
- *Impact: a National Journal of Environmental Law*
- *JustCite* and *Justis.*

Subscription proposals for three Bepress journals and a proposal for access to the full Bepress journal collection had been received. Ms Longley to look at pricing of individual subscriptions and full access pricing (Carried over to next meeting)

The following proposals were considered:

- Hart journals – the publisher has offered a package deal to their full journals collection. Ms Longley to email the list and pricing to the Committee
- *International Law in Domestic Courts: International Human Rights Law* - Ms Longley to follow up with Don Anton
- *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment* - Ms Longley to ask Matthew Zagor and Don Anton if they support this purchase
- *Legal and Criminal Psychology* Ms Longley to ask Mark Nolan for further academic support
- *New Zealand Yearbook of International Law* - Ms Heathcote to advise on this title
- *Recueil des Cours* - print or electronic subscription - Ms Heathcote and other international law academics to discuss further
- *Sentencing Law* - Ms Longley to set a trial with LexisNexis.

6. **Law Library Liaison Committee**
Ms Heathcote spoke about the work of the Law Library Liaison Committee noting that the constitutional law and comparative constitutional law collections will be reviewed.
Simon Rice will continue to work on a review of the law reform and social justice collection, and the library webpage is still under construction.

Ms Heathcote said she is very keen to pursue the possibility of furthering endowments and asked how this could be done. Professor Wheeler commented that there was not a lot of endowment money and while the Endowment Office now has a much better profile its long term endowments program was likely to lead to modest outcomes for the Library. Mr Elliott agreed and suggested if the matter was of interest to the new Vice Chancellor it could be given higher priority.

7. Other business
Ms Longley reported that all libraries except the Law Library had subject guides on the Library site. The Law Libguide was in its final draft and expected to be published next week. When published Ms Longley would email College of Law course convenors and Ms Walpola for the College of Business

Professor Wheeler spoke about the forthcoming College of Law Review. She noted that the review team would want to speak with staff and students. Mr Elliott offered to provide any assistance to the review team about Library issues.

8. Next meeting
The next meeting will be held in mid 2011.

The meeting closed at 3:30pm.