MINUTES

MEETING

Social Sciences and Humanities Library Advisory Committee (SSHLAC)

PRESENT

Mr V. Elliott (Chair), Mr. C Beer, Dr R. Breunig, Ms A. Brown, Ms K. Collier, Mr. M. Dawson (for Dr. D Craig), Ms I. Hansen, Dr Yusaku Horiuchi Ms Sue Kosse, Dr B. Penny, Ms I. Putnis (Minutes)

APOLOGIES

Dr. C. Allen, Dr. D. Craig, Dr D. Hart

DATE/TIME

11.00a.m Tuesday, 26 July 2005

VENUE

Seminar Room, JB Chifley Building

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 AUGUST 2004


Accepted with an amendment to agenda item:

6. NLA Report - 'The Eighteenth century collections online - ECCO - "will be" available to users of the Petherick Room ....'

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr Elliott to comment on the Access and Collection Budget under agenda item 4. DOI Update 2005.

4. DIVISION OF INFORMATION UPDATE 2005

Mr Elliott reported on developments within the Library over the past year.

- University Archives including the Noel Butlin Archives Centre now report to Director, SIS, Vic Elliott.
- Art and Music Libraries now incorporated into the University Library system.
- NARU Library (Darwin) to be closed and the collection distributed amongst ANU Library, Charles Darwin University Library and the Northern Territory Library
- 2 vacant DOI positions to be advertised in the near future; Director, STS and Director, CIS.
- 2005 budget estimates late because of revised reporting procedures, budget code changes, and difficulty in reconciling internal expenditure estimates with financial figures. However, there is adequate funding to meet 2005 commitments together with a strategy for risk management including:
  - Purchase of foreign currency (US$, GBP and EURO) to cover current commitments.
  - Access and Collections reserve.
- Director's contingency fund.
- Agent contracts for the supply of serials.

- The Quality Review recommended closer relationships with NLA and CSIRO:
  - Steering group set up with NLA to coordinate access and collection development, storage, as well as an application for a grant to digitize one major newspaper for each capital city in Australia.
  - Cooperation with CSIRO is likely to be in the area of IT infrastructure and possibly storage.

- New modules have been purchased to enhance Library services:
  - Automated inter-library loans with request via the web.
  - Enhanced searching across electronic resources.

- ANU E Press is now in its third year of operation. Originally set up to republish existing titles, has now moved to publishing new work. A survey on ANU publishing has been conducted and a report is being considered.

- Pressure on accommodation for print resources is being driven by changes in JCSMR and Physical Sciences who will no longer have a branch library in their Schools. In addition, most Library buildings are near capacity:
  - A store leased by NLA will become available 2006 and there is support in the ANU for the Library to take over the lease in partnership with other universities (Sydney, UNSW and Monash). This could then be used as a serial store with facilities for scanning and desktop delivery as well as reading room for users who wish to browse.
  - Interim measure is to relocate RSPhysSE books by the end of September to Hancock, serials to Acton Store with a delivery service from Acton
  - Academic staff will continue to be informed concerning the selection process of serials to be moved into storage.

- Purchase of expensive items at the end of 2004:
  - Defining Gender - online from Adam Matthews.
  - Empire Online - online from Adam Matthews.
  - Oxford Dictionary of National Biography - 60v. set plus online access.
  - ScienceDirect backfiles from Elsevier including 96 Social Science journals back to 1949 and 59 Economics, econometrics and finance journals back to 1967.

5. 2005 ACCESS AND COLLECTIONS BUDGET

- The budget for 2005 was presented and Ms Putnis explained that the budget amount was similar to that of 2004. Due to heavy serial commitments, some budgets, in particular Economics and Classics are in danger of being overspent for the year. These budgets will require careful monitoring, with a review of all serial commitments in these two areas carried out by Library staff.

  **Action: Ms Putnis**
• New serial proposals for the consideration of HUMLAC, SOCSCILAC and ECGLAC were tabled.
• Proposals for the purchase of expensive items for the consideration of HUMLAC were tabled

6. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA REPORT

Angela Brown from the National Library reported on recent developments including:

• With the purchase of Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO), Early English Books Online (EEBO), and the online version of Early American Imprints. Series 1, Evans (1639-1800) the Library offers access to an almost comprehensive full text record of English language publishing from 1475 to 1800.
• Initially off site access to select resources will be piloted for a minimum of 6 months by Petherick readers, with a possibility of later broadening the service to other registered users.
• New website satisfaction survey showed a majority of users are happy with the site with some improvements planned for site navigation, searching and site headings.
• Interlibrary loans can now be requested by any registered users ($13.20) with loans request forms on the website. Petherick readers still receive a free service.
• NLA continuing to implement e-call slips in various reading rooms.
• New warehouse to be built at Hume and should be finished by mid 2006.
• Kinetica redevelopment project is three-quarters complete and on schedule, part of which has been the new Libraries Australia service.
• Pandora, Australia’s Web Archive - NLA contracted Internet Archive to do a complete harvest of the .au domain of the internet. Analysis of the results is now being carried out. Initially, content of the harvest is not publicly available as copyright permission has not been obtained.
• Digitisation of the collection continues though the focus is on whole collections as opposed to select parts.
• Australian Newspaper Digitisation Project - NLA in partnership with 13 university libraries and state libraries is part of an ARC LIEF funding bid aimed at a free online service comprising at least one major newspaper (from its beginning up to 1954) from each state and territory.
• Due to cellulose acetate deterioration in microforms, NLA would like to survey Australian microform collections to establish which ones are acetate and develop a national register of microform masters such as already exist in the US, UK, and Europe.
• Music Australia, launched earlier this year, is an online service developed by NLA and the National Film and Sound Archive. It provides access to information on Australian music, musicians, organisations and services.
• National treasures from Australia’s Great Libraries exhibition - to open in December 2005, a collaborative effort with the State Libraries and will travel to all states over a two year period.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm
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