MINUTES

MEETING Social Sciences and Humanities Library Advisory Committee (SSHLAC)

PRESENT Mr V. Elliott (Chair), Dr C. Allen, Ms A. Brown, Ms K. Collier, Dr D. Craig, Ms S. Kosse, Ms M. Pickler, Dr A. Robson, (for Dr R. Breunig), Dr D. Rowland, Ms K. Whitford, Ms I. Putnis (Minutes).

APOLOGIES Dr R. Breunig, Prof M. Davies, Dr J. McCarthy, Dr C. Turner, Ziling Ye

DATE/TIME 10.30 a.m Wednesday, 7 June, 2006

VENUE Seminar Room, JB Chifley Building

1. APOLOGIES


Accepted without amendment.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- NARU library now closed
- Rick Van Haeften has been appointed DOI Director of CIS, whilst Director STS still to be advertised.
- Newspaper digitisation project in partnership with NLA will not proceed due to lack of funding. NLA proceeding with project (see NLA report from Angela Brown).
- Strong support for the ANU E press continues.
- Closure of ECCLES and Physical Sciences Library spaces.

4. DIVISION OF INFORMATION UPDATE 2006

Mr Elliott reported on developments within the Library:

- Anticipated enhancements to the Integrated Library Management System include an automated Interlibrary loan system; MetaFind, a cross database search facility; and an Electronic Records Management System bringing together all aspects of record management including licensing agreements.
- Potential for enhanced College and LAC cooperation.
- Space concerns raise issues and the need to consider occupying the vacated NLA Hume store:
  - Fill rates in all library buildings are at 85%-97%
New OHS standards place pressure on providing extra manoeuvrability amongst shelving

Student pressure for more flexible learning spaces

Purchase of 'expensive' items 2005:

- Early encounters in North America: peoples, cultures and environment online
- Encyclopedia universalis online
- Masculinity: men defining men and gentlemen 1560-1918. (Pt.3 1800-1918) - microform
- New dictionary of the history of ideas online
- Oxford dictionary of national biography online
- Oxford journals archive online
- Springer online journals archive
- Voices from wartime France 1939-1945 - microform
- Women, morality and advice literature: manuscripts and rare printed works of Hannah More (1745-1833) and her circle - microform
- Worldcat online

5. 2006 ACCESS AND COLLECTIONS BUDGET

5.1 Budget papers tabled

- The budget for 2006 was presented and Ms Putnis explained that the amount was a slight increase on 2005. Due to heavy serial commitments, some budgets still require close monitoring, in particular Economics, Classics and Prehistory/Anthropology.
- New serials added to the collection since the previous meeting were noted.

5.2 New serial proposals for the consideration of HUMLAC, SOCSCILAC and ECGLAC were tabled.

5.3 Proposals for the purchase of expensive items for the consideration of HUMLAC and SOCSCILAC were tabled.

6. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA REPORT

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

- Major electronic collections purchased:
  - House of Commons parliamentary papers 1801-1900
  - Early American newspapers. Series I, 1690-1876
  - Early American imprints. Series II, Shaw-Shoemaker (1801-1819)
  - The Making of the Modern Economy: Goldsmiths’-Kress library of Economic Literature 1450-1840

- Titles on order:
- Eighteenth century journals II: newspapers and periodicals, 1699-1812, from the Harry Ransom Human Centre, University of Texas at Austin.

- Offsite access for registered Petherick users, to some electronic resources, is under review and guidelines will be developed for eligibility. Likely to be limited to independent researchers who can demonstrate a particular need for a particular piece of research as well as demonstrate that they cannot easily obtain access otherwise.
- NLA continues to extend e-call slips to reading rooms.
- New warehouse at Hume should be finished by August 2006.
- 2005 Pandora, Australia’s Web Archive - a harvest of the .au domain of the internet was very successful. Another harvest will be run in 2006 for a longer period of time.
- Australian Newspaper Digitisation Project - bid for ARC funding was unsuccessful but NLA will continue with the project, hoping to digitise Maitland Mercury, Courier Mail, Hobart Town Gazette and the Sydney Gazette. All issues to be digitised from the beginning of the papers up to 1954. After these titles, NLA intends to continue with digitising the 9 major dailies.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

The meeting closed at 12.00pm.

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