MINUTES

MEETING

Social Sciences and Humanities Library Advisory Committee (SSHLAC)

PRESENT

Mr V. Elliott (Chair), Dr C. Allen, Dr. G. Barclay, Dr R. Breunig, Ms A. Brown, Ms K. Collier, Ms. I. Hansen, Ms K. Whitford, Ms Ziling Ye, Ms I. Putnis (Minutes).

APOLOGIES

Dr D. Craig, Dr J. McCarthy

DATE/TIME

1.00p.m. Wednesday, 30 May, 2007

VENUE

Flexible Learning Lab, JB Chifley Building

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 June 2006.


Accepted without amendment.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business.

4. DIVISION OF INFORMATION UPDATE 2007

Mr Elliott reported on developments within the Library:

- 2007 budget
  - $8 mill. ($0.5 mill now added on a recurrent basis to the base allocation)
  - Funds available for the monograph carry forward from 2006
  - A ‘Reserve’ carry forward plus the Director's contingency fund, will continue to assist with the purchase of large electronic products and one-off ‘expensive’ items.
- ANU Assurance Advisory Committees - information systems assurance advisory committees are to be established in the areas of Administrative Systems, Academic Systems, Scholarly Collections and Infrastructure with terms of reference:
  - Advise on the scope and completeness of planning processes in terms of their consistency with the principles of the University's governance and management framework for IT supported systems
  - To advise on policy for ensuring coordination across University organisational units and that measures are in place to assure expected outcomes
  - To alert management to implicit risks
To report to the University Information Strategy Committee on any concern with the governance and management framework.

- A representative from each of the Library Advisory Committees will serve on the Scholarly Collections Assurance Advisory Committee.

- Go8 Last Copy Collection Retention Strategy
  - 7 of the 8 Go8 libraries interested in participating in this collaborative proposal whereby libraries will accept responsibility for keeping and providing access to 'last runs' or copies of infrequently used materials, allowing others to dispose of their holdings.
  - Strategy designed to contain collection growth and make accommodation solutions sustainable into the future
  - Three phases a) take responsibility for 'backruns' duplicated online b) identify infrequently used serials c) identify infrequently used monographs

- With Brian Molinari's retirement, Markus Buchhorn appointed as Director ICT Environments.

5. 2007 ACCESS AND COLLECTIONS BUDGET

5.1 Budget papers tabled

- The budget for 2007 was presented and Ms Putnis explained that the amount was the same as for 2006. Due to heavy serial commitments, the Economics, Classics and Prehistory/Anthropology budgets will continue to require close monitoring. Minimal savings were made in 2006 by reviewing existing commitments.
- New serials and expensive items added to the collection since the previous meeting were noted:
  - Blackwell encyclopedia of sociology: the definitive sociology reference source 11 volumes (print)
  - Plantation life in the Caribbean, Adam Matthew Publications (17 reels of microfilm)
  - Renaissance man: the reconstructed libraries of European scholars, 1450-1700, Adam Matthew Publications (84 reels of microfilm)
  - Encyclopedia of community: from the village to the virtual world, Sage Publications, 2003 4 volumes (print)
  - Empire and Commonwealth, Adam Matthew Publications (46 reels of microfilm)
  - Encyclopedia of social measurement, Elsevier, 2005 3 volumes (print)
  - Sixteenth and seventeenth century newsletters, Adam Matthew Publications (18 reels of microfilm)
  - Encyclopedia of language and linguistics, Elsevier, 14 volumes (print copy)
  - British and Irish women's letters and diaries: from 1500-1900 [electronic resource]
  - Proxima veritati [electronic resource - cds]
  - Springer eBook collection: Business and economics library [electronic resource]
  - Psychology library [economic resource]
5.2 New serial proposals for the consideration of HUMLAC, SOCSCLAC and ECGLAC were tabled.
5.3 Proposals for the purchase of expensive items for the consideration of HUMLAC and SOCSCLAC were tabled.

6. COLLECTION RELOCATION AND OFF-CAMPUS STORE

6.1 Vic Elliott's paper 'Guidelines for Selecting Monograph and Other Non-Serials Materials for Relocation' tabled, plus appendix

- Main objectives are:
  - Reduce shelf occupancy across all libraries to approx. 75%
  - Release 2,800 m² back to the University, some flexible learning spaces, (especially Hancock building)
- Materials to be relocated:
  - Print serials published prior to 1990
  - Print serials published post 1989 and duplicated online
  - Lesser-used monograph classifications or collections
- In identifying material for relocation, consideration was given to following factors:
  - Amount of material to be relocated from each Library
  - Usage data from the Library management System
  - Teaching and course requirements
  - Duplication of materials
  - Online availability of equivalent resources
  - In-house use including re-shelving patterns
- Ms. Putnis identified monographs belonging to Library of Congress classifications and corresponding subject areas in the Chifley Social Sciences and Humanities building, for relocation. This also included discreet collections such as ABS statistics, Bliss collection, pamphlet and large pamphlet collections, very large books, Chifley Naru books and Chifley slides.
• A pilot online delivery service for articles from pre-1990 print journals held in the Hancock building has already begun allowing for fine-tuning the service before it is implemented at the store.
• Due to heavy usage, it may be necessary to transfer certain monographs from the off-campus store to the respective Library location on campus.

7. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA REPORT

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

• Major electronic collections purchased:
  • Project Muse
  • American National Biography (online and print)
  • MEMSO: medieval and early modern sources online
• Offsite access to some electronic resources still only available for registered Petherick users BUT this is again under review and may change as early as July/August.
• New warehouse at Hume now fully operational.
• Newspaper Digitisation Project - underway and hope to build a database over the next 4 years covering a period 1803-1954 using one major newspaper from each Australian State and Territory. First, will be the 19th century portions of the Sydney Gazette, The Argus, The Courier Mail and other papers from Hobart, Adelaide, Perth, and Darwin.
• Music Australia - contemporary Australian music can now be purchased online and downloaded.
• 130 titles from the London Missionary Collection digitised and available via the NLA catalogue.
• Hallstrom Pacific Collection comprising approx. 1600 works relating to Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia, transferred from UNSW to NLA on a longterm loan.
• Investigations covering French Polynesia, Cook Islands and Papua New Guinea for possible acquisitions.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the University, Vic Elliott acknowledged Angela Brown’s contribution to SSHLAC over the last 5 years and extended our best wishes for her retirement.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm.

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