MINUTES

MEETING Social Sciences and Humanities Library Advisory Committee (SSHLAC)

PRESENT Dr Cynthia Allen, Dr Glen Barclay (representing Dr Caroline Turner), Dr Rachel Bloul, Ms Anne Brennan (representing Mr Gordon Bull), Ms Kathy Collier, Dr Douglas Craig (Chair), Mr Vic Elliott, Ms Susan Ford (Humanities PARSA representative), Ms Diane Humphery, Ms Jacqui Kempton, Dr Yuji Tamura, and Ms Helena Zobec (Minutes).

APOLOGIES Ms Sue Kosse, Dr John McCarthy, Dr Caroline Turner, Ms Keturah Whitford, Ms Fouzia Sultana (Social Sciences PARSA representative)

DATE/TIME 11.00 am on 25th November 2010

VENUE Graneek Room, JB Chifley Building

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF 16th June 2010
   o Minutes accepted without amendments

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
   All actions had been completed from the previous meeting, namely:
   o Members were encouraged to promote the purchase of e-resources where appropriate for the Library’s collection
   o Proposals not supported by 2 academic staff at the time of going to Sub-Committee meetings for endorsement cannot be considered. COMPLETED – All proposals presented to LACs now include support from 2 additional staff members as well as original proposer.

4. DIRECTOR, SCHOLARLY INFORMATION SERVICES AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN REPORT
   4.1 Library Services in a Distributed Library System
   Mr Vic Elliott, Director Scholarly Information Services and University Librarian tabled this paper and reported:
   o The current proposal for consolidation of libraries on the ANU Acton campus
   o The proposed usage of the physical space being created by the consolidation of libraries
   o The history of the consolidation of libraries including the Physical Sciences Library in 2005 and the John Curtin School of Medical Research Library in 2006 is outlined in paragraph two of the paper distributed to Committee members
   o The current proposal is for the consolidation of the Earth Sciences and Chemistry libraries with the Hancock Library
   o Any savings incurred from library consolidation will be transferred to the Access & Collections budget
   o The proposal has been supported at the Deans’ meeting SSHLAC 25 November 2010 Minutes 2
   o A brief discussion amongst Committee members took place in relation to how best to channel any savings made noting the high demand to increase the Library’s electronic collection which has ongoing incurred costs
   o There were additional suggestions received regarding the possibility of extending the opening hours at the ANU Print Repository to include weekend access as a possible use of the savings made.
4.2 Insync Library Survey 2010
Mr Vic Elliott, Director Scholarly Information Services and University Librarian provided the following report:
- Expressed thanks for those academic staff who completed the survey
- Insync 2010 Library Survey Final Report has been just recently received from Insync
- Report showed a marked improvement in service delivery between the 2008 and 2010 surveys
- Great improvements also demonstrated in specific areas of which these outcomes will be made available via the Library web pages
- Thanks to Kathy Collier for carrying the responsibility of the biennial Library survey
- Thanks to Helena Zobec for coordinating the 2010 Library survey
- Six of the Go8 Libraries still participate in the survey, making it a useful benchmarking tool

4.3 Access and Collection allocation 2011
Mr Vic Elliott reported:
- Additional funds have been procured as a result of the paper that went to the Deans
- A Working Group of 4 Deans has been developed to look further into the issue
- As of 2011 an additional $500,000 will be added to the Library Access and Collection budget

4.4 Scholarly Services Planning Advisory Committee
Mr Vic Elliott reported from the previously distributed minutes of the Scholarly Advisory Committee:
- The Planning Advisory Committee had generated a number of priorities for the Division of Information that have been passed through the University Information Strategy Committee for inclusion in the 2011 budget planning process
- The priorities related to Enterprise Systems and IT developments
- It is advised not all prioritised tasks will be resourced
- Scholarly Services Planning Advisory Committee processes will continue into 2011 as a mechanism for the academic community to be able to feed into the decision making process for Systems and IT across the University

5. SSH ACCESS AND COLLECTIONS REPORT
5.1 SSH Access and Collection Financial Update
- Ms. Zobec provided committee members with a report on the financial result of the SSH Access and Collection allocation as at 19 November 2010, outlining the figures for expenditure and commitment against the 2010 allocation and the funds remaining

5.2 SSH Collection Update Progress Report
- Ms Humphery spoke to the Progress Report circulated to Committee members
- Ms Humphery outlined the new journals and electronic databases acquired, the substantial collections purchased and the list of expensive monographs acquired since the previous meeting in June 2010
- A booklet of significant resources acquired was circulated to Committee members for the purpose of promoting resources to academic staff across the discipline areas SSHLAC 25 November 2010 Minutes

5.3 New Subscription Proposals for purchase
- The list of new subscriptions proposed and circulated to members prior to the meeting was endorsed for purchase as a result of the funds remaining reported in 5.1 above

7. ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS
- No items of Other Business were raised

8. NEXT MEETING
- It was noted that the next meeting would be planned for the non-teaching period in June 2011 on a date to be determined by the Committee Chair and the University
Librarian. Clarification is to be sought on the continued attendance and report from the National Library for the May/June SSHLAC meeting held each year.