MINUTES

MEETING Social Sciences and Humanities Library Advisory Committee (SSHLAC)

PRESENT Dr Cynthia Allen, Dr Rachel Bloul, Mr Gordon Bull, Ms Kathy Collier, Ms Vera Dunn (representing Meredith Batten from the National Library of Australia), Mr Vic Elliott, Ms Susan Ford (Humanities PARSA representative), Ms Diane Humphery, Ms Jacqui Kempton, Dr Chung Tran, Dr Caroline Turner, Ms Keturah Whitford and Ms Helena Zobec (Minutes).

APOLOGIES Dr Doug Craig and Dr John McCarthy.

DATE/TIME 10.00 AM on 7th June 2011

VENUE Graneek Room, JB Chifley Building

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF 25th November 2010
   o Minutes accepted without amendments

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
   Action items had been completed from the previous meeting as follows:
   o Clarification is to be sought on the continued attendance and report from the National Library of Australia (NLA) at the SSHLAC meeting held each year. NLA confirmed the representative continue to attend the June SSHLAC meeting each year.

4. DIRECTOR, SCHOLARLY INFORMATION SERVICES AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN REPORT
   o Mr Elliott announced his impending retirement as from 30 June 2011 and thanked the Committee for their support

4.1 Consolidation of Libraries
   Mr Vic Elliott, Director Scholarly Information Services and University Librarian reported:
   o Consolidation of the Earth Sciences and Chemistry Libraries into the Hancock Library has now been completed. Staff from Earth Sciences Library have relocated to the Hancock Library
   o Mr Elliott also marked the passing (in Dec 2010) of the Chemistry Librarian, Joan Smith, who had an extensive history with the ANU Library and highly regarded by staff within the Chemistry Research School
   o An additional proposal for the Music Library to be relocated into the Art Library was also discussed. The space from the existing Music Library is proposed to be repurposed for the School of Music and includes a Seminar Room, Music Practice Rooms and a 24-hour computing facility for student access. Consultation with School of Music staff and students is still taking place. School of Music students have met SSHLAC 25 November 2010 Minutes 2
   o Proposal has aroused some controversy and the proposal had not been finalised at the time of the June SSHLAC meeting
   o Mr Elliott outlined the detail of the proposal in relation to amalgamating the two collections including how the combined collection would fit within the Art Library
Direct access to the (combined) collection will be retained
Art Library Seminar Room will be made available in the School of Music as part of the proposal
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
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 Elliott summarised the outcome of the Survey as follows:
The 2010 ANU Library Survey Summary Report and the Go6 Comparative Reports were made available to Committee members. The Reports were released in December of 2010, after the November 2010 SSHLAC meeting
The 2010 Library Survey had a response rate of 1065, giving a 95% confidence level and considered as a valid sample size for this survey
A 77.2% overall weight of approval was a substantial positive increase on the 2008 Library Survey outcome
There were no significant gap scores between services provided and meeting client expectations of performance against those services. This is also an improved outcome on the 2008 Library Survey
The top 10 gaps recorded from the 2010 Survey will now be addressed at the Precinct level, where feedback specific to particular Precinct libraries (examples for Chifley include noise levels and students “earmarking” computers for extensive periods throughout the day denying others’ access to a computer) will be addressed by each library
The Insync Survey is conducted across 39 Australian and NZ University Libraries making this a good benchmarking tool to measure client satisfaction
ANU was ranked in the top 50% across all University libraries who participate in this survey and we were delighted at the level of improvement from the 2008 ANU Library Survey, as well as across other libraries who completed the survey
ANU also performed extremely well in the Go6 Comparative Summary Report
The Comparative Report for the Go6 also showed a uniformity of collections across this group
There was also some discussion at SSHLAC about the different requirements of undergraduates and postgraduates of Library services. The responses for these groups was reported in the survey outcomes discussion at the meeting.

4.3 Access and Collection Budget 2011
Mr Elliott reported:
The Access and Collection (A & C) allocation for the ANU Library in 2011 is $8.53 million, resulting in an increase of $500,000 to the A & C budget.
The increase has come from an increased levy on the College budgets as per the University process for allocation of these budgets
The advantage of the increased funds include:
- These additional funds are now part of the base funding regardless of the fluctuation of the dollar
- Purchase of 2.75 million US dollars when the Australian dollar had parity will provide surety throughout the current budget cycle, regardless of dollar fluctuations
- Present high value of the dollar is in our favour in terms of the purchasing power of the dollar for overseas resources

4.4 ANU SuperSearch
Mr Elliott reported that
SuperSearch is a new sophisticated discovery tool that has improved access to the Library’s purchased electronic resources and replaces the previous product, Metafind
SuperSearch was introduced in late April and is powered by Summon and made available via the ProQuest company, Serials Solutions.

- This product provides article level access to electronic resources via a single search giving a breadth and depth to searches that the Library has not been able to offer previously.
- The searching abilities of the Library’s resources using the SuperSearch platform has also enabled us to address comments received about access to electronic resources via the Library catalogue.
- There has also been an extensive promotional campaign of the product advertising this service as an additional service to the Library catalogue.

### 5. SSH ACCESS AND COLLECTION BUDGET

#### 5.1 SSH Access and Collection Allocation 2011

- Ms Zobec provided committee members with a report on the Access and Collection allocation for the social sciences and humanities.
- There was some discussion about the advantages of the increased allocation and suggestions of how best to benefit from the additional funds. Examples discussed included increased access to eBooks where available and the replacement of VHS resources with alternative formats (where available), as this technology will no longer be supported when equipment to view videos fails to function.

#### 5.2 Collection Update Report

- Ms Humphery summarised the Collection Update Report circulated to Committee members.
- Ms Humphery outlined the new significant resources acquired since the November 2010 SSHLAC meeting to support teaching and research.
- An updated booklet of significant resources acquired was circulated at the meeting alerting members to significant microform collections and the Official Documents collection at Chifley.
- Ms Humphery also encouraged members to consider large databases for the collection in response to the increase in the access and collection allocation for the social sciences and humanities.
- In addition, Chifley is in the process of acquiring a number of significant collections, namely, the Spanish Collection, the Uruguayan Collection and the Latin American Collection to be funded via an ANCLAS grant.

#### 5.3 New Subscription Proposals

- Ms Kempton presented the proposals for new subscriptions for the collection and the justifications for those proposals.
- The 4 titles requested received in principle support from SSHLAC members with the final approval to come from both the HUMSSLAC and ECGLAC Committees as appropriate.

### 7. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA (NLA) REPORT

Vera Dunn, A/g Manager, Overseas Collection Development, NLA (representing Meredith Batten) reported that:

- NLA is currently undergoing an extensive review of the National Library’s overseas collection.
- Currently looking at duplication of acquisitions as part of the Review and how to address this.
- Any recommendations will come from the Review.
- The current focus is on access to resources rather than ownership of the resources.
- The NLA has also had a similar experience to the ANU in relation to its transition of Approval Plans from Blackwell to the Yankee Book Peddler (YBP). Like the ANU, the NLA is also continuing to refine its profiles for these Approval Plans to ensure the current collecting criteria for this collection is consistent with processes used in the past.
- DuXiu is the Chinese equivalent of Trove and is expected to be well supported by academics across Australia.
The NLA continues to build its strong Pacific Collection whilst also undergoing an analysis of its Micronesian collection.

There is a focus on PNG material as these resources are difficult to source.

The NLA’s Treasures Exhibition Gallery is due to be opened in October 2011 with the exhibitions being displayed in three stages, before it remains a static collection on display for some time.

The National Library also recently received a 2011 Excellence in Government Award for its product, Trove.

8. ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr Elliott thanked all Committee members for their respective contributions during his time as Director Scholarly Information Services and University Librarian and was very appreciative for all the support received during his time at the ANU.

- Dr Turner formally thanked Mr Elliott for his outstanding contributions in his role as University Librarian and particularly for his contributions to, and support for, the Social Sciences and Humanities Library Advisory Committee. This was supported by all Committee members.

- Mr Elliott also announced that a recent message had been circulated to University Staff regarding the future recruitment to the position of Director SIS and University Librarian, with an appointment expected by the end of 2011.

9. NEXT MEETING

- It is proposed the next SSHLAC meeting will be held in November 2011, noting that the new Director, Scholarly Information Services and University Librarian may or may not be in place at this time.