THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARLY INFORMATION SERVICES/LIBRARY

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(SSHLAC)

Minutes of the SSHLAC meeting held at 2.00 PM on 28th August 2012 in the Graneek Room,
JB Chifley Building

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- Dr Doug Craig welcomed Committee members to the meeting.

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

APOLOGIES:  Dr John McCarthy, Ms Meredith Batten.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF 25th November 2010

- Dr Craig requested an amendment to 4.1 of the previous minutes to read

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 Research School
of Chemistry

- With this exception, minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the 7th June
2011 SSHLAC meeting

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- No actions arising from the previous minutes

4. UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN (CHIEF SCHOLARLY INFORMATION OFFICER)

- Dr Craig welcomed Ms Missingham as the incoming University Librarian and to her first ANU
Social Sciences and Humanities Library Advisory Committee meeting

Ms Missingham spoke to the previously distributed Briefing Paper.

4.1 General issues

- Ms Missingham reported the Library and Scholarly Information Services would now operate
separately from the Division of Information, having previously operated as a subgroup
within the Division. The Division of Information had recently been reviewed as part of the
review of administrative areas in the University
- Ms Missingham reported that the Library and Scholarly Information services would be
reviewed in November and encouraged members of the committee to make submissions to
the Review, either individually or through their College. The Library would make a
submission and the basis for this submission would be provided in summary form to the
members of the Library Advisory Committees. Dr Craig offered to formulate a response on
behalf of the Committee
- It was noted that the scholarly communication environment continues to change. The open
access movement is expanding and there have been changes in grant conditions with regard
to the treatment of funded research. The number of electronic publications, including
ebooks, continues to grow
4.2 Library Services
- The Art and Music Libraries have now been successfully consolidated. Staff savings from this consolidation would be returned to the Access & Collections budget.
- Gordon Bull supported that the consolidation of the libraries went well and the most significant loss to students being the Art Seminar Room. Mr Bull also reported there has been a good community and collegial culture in consolidating the libraries, and a good outcome being all materials were accommodation in the new single location.
- A number of significant collections had been acquired by the Library in 2012, including a major package of approximately 80,000 ebooks.
- The use of SuperSearch, the Library’s web discovery service continues to grow, as does the amount of material indexed by the service.
- It was noted that though loans of print resources is still significant, there has been a distinct rise in access to the Library’s e-resource collections.
- The Library would undertake a trial of extended opening hours Mondays to Thursdays in the Chifley, Hancock and Law libraries for a four week period from the 9th October, to test late night use of the buildings. The biennial Library user survey was also currently being undertaken. Previous surveys had shown a desire for longer opening hours. The pilot will show what is in high demand and what is sustainable in addition to the feedback from the survey. Ms Missingham responded to all questions from the Committee on how the libraries will be staffed by Security Guards and how any operational matters would be addressed.
- A number of projects are being undertaken by the Library and Scholarly Information Services. These include a new archives system, an electronic documents and records management system, inter-library loan software and the refinement of work processes associated with the acquisition of library materials. In the longer term digitization of library and archive materials and the development of an automatic storage and retrieval facility would be further examined.

4.3 Access and Collections Budget 2012
- Ms Missingham reported that there had been a modest increase in the access and Collections budget for 2012 and that the current allocation is $8,105,000. It was noted that exchange rates were playing a large part in maintaining the purchasing power of the budget and that the ANU allocation was at the low end of the Go8 figures. This matter would be raised in the forthcoming Library and Scholarly Information Services review. Over US$2million had been purchased earlier in the year at favourable rates as a hedge against the value of the Australian dollar.

Dr Caroline Turner left the meeting at this point.

4a. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA (NLA) REPORT
Vera Dunn, A/g Manager, Overseas Collection Development, NLA (representing Meredith Batten) spoke to the NLA Report circulated to member prior to the meeting.
- The review of the NLA Collection Development Policy to be concluded in 2012 and will determine collection directions for the future.
- NLA looking to consolidate suppliers with a focus on what is being published overseas by Australian authors.
- NLA will continue to collect print resources from Asia and the Pacific, reducing materials acquired in European languages and undergo a Serials Review with a focus on reducing print subscriptions.
- Trove has consolidated a number of discovery services including Pictures Australia and the Newspaper collection.
- NLA looking to more actively share information on cancellations and digitization of resources.
- Work continues on the Treasures Gallery, which currently  in Phase 3 of the refurbishment project.
5. SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES LIBRARY UPDATES
  o The library is currently refining the YBP (Yankee Book Peddler) Approval Plan. An assessment of the current profile has resulted in some adjustments, including processing of material as part of that Plan. **ACTION:** The library to investigate an e-preferred format as the default of the Approval Plan, in line with the Briefing Paper circulated by the University Librarian
  o The Library is also in the process of finalising an Argentinian Approval Plan with the South American Publisher, Libreria Garcia Cambeiro. This Approval Plan will support resources acquired for programs delivered by the School of Language Studies (Spanish) and by the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS)
  o The majority of resources requested by academic staff have been acquired to date this year, and as at the July report, on target for expenditure against the 2012 allocation
  o The move to an e-preferred model of resources where appropriate has had an impact on the New Serials Display in Chifley Library. The collection has been integrated into the Serials collection on Level 1 of the Chifley Library. Academic staff who heavily use the display collection on Level 2 have been notified of the change
  o Ms Zobec reported that the University of Sydney resources currently housed at the ANU Print Repository would be returned to the University of Sydney and replaced with storage space for ANU University Records
  o An emphasis on developing subject guides for the discipline areas has resulted in a list of Guides including Philosophy, Sociology, Latin American Studies, Military and Defence Studies, Political Science and International Relations, Evaluating Sources, Social Sciences and Humanities Collections
  o The Library is currently in the process of establishing a service for postgraduate students of a subject liaison librarian nature. The service will be developed and branded in 2013 for future implementation
  o Ms Zobec reported on a staffing update for the Chifley Library, with recent staff appointments replacing long standing staff, recently retired

5.1 SSH Access and Collections Budget 2012
  o Ms Zobec provided committee members with a report on the 2012 Access and Collections allocation of $1.719 million for the social sciences and humanities, with recurrent costs estimated at approximately 70% of the total allocation
  o Members were asked to encourage colleagues within the discipline areas to recommend additional resources for purchase from the monograph allocation of the budget
  o Ms Zobec also proposed the collapse of the Classics and History budgets into a single fund which was supported by the Committee
  o **ACTION:** Ms Zobec to investigate the process required for this to be put in place

5.2 Collection Update
  o Ms Humphery summarised the Collection Update Report circulated to Committee members
  o Ms Humphery outlined the new significant resources acquired since the 2011 SSHLAC meeting
  o This material will be promoted via the Library website with a focus on newly acquired online resources
  o Ms Humphery also encouraged members to consider additional resources required for the collection

5.3 New recurrent costs and one-off proposals
  o Ms Kempton presented the proposals for new subscriptions for the collection and the justifications for those proposals
  o Titles in the Report received in principle support with the only adjustment being the *Journal of Greek Linguistics* (online) to be costed against the Linguistics allocation rather than the Classics allocation. Noted for the Library’s **ACTION**
Silent Era Films (4 collections) proposal was withdrawn as the requirement is more for research rather than teaching and therefore the streaming format would have limited value for a 12 month subscription. **ACTION:** Library to investigate alternative options for obtaining specific film titles required in DVD format for a much reduced cost.

6. **ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
   - No items raised

7. **ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**
   - No items of other business were raised

8. **NEXT MEETING**
   - The next meeting of the Committee will be held in 2013