

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

8 June 2011 1400 Seminar Room 2, The University Library

MINUTES

Members present

Ms R Gwyer (Chair)

Dr S Claridge
Dr J Crellin
Miss A Hindson
Ms S Jones
Dr D Loydell
Mr A Minter

Dr F Myers
Mr A Naik
Dr P Scott
Dr P Starie
Ms E Wildgoose
Ms A Worden

In attendance

Mr Godfrey Atuahene Jnr

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Mr Godfrey Atuahene Jnr as an observer. Mr Atuahene will attend Library Committee in future in his role as Education and Democracy Officer of the Students' Union

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Prof D Ait-Boudaoud, Dr Kay Peggs, Dr James Thomas, Dr Tammi Sinha and Mr Martin Pearce

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2011 were confirmed as a correct record

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Carry-over of book funds (Min13) - as requested, Directorate approval was obtained for carrying over book funds into the next academic year.

- 4.2 Strategic buying workshop (Min 13) – a workshop has been arranged for 5th July and a draft outline was circulated for approval.
- 4.3 Credo renewal (Min 13) – the enhanced Credo package had been ordered for a one year trail.
- 4.4 Feedback on 24/7 pilot (Min 15), to be taken as Agenda item 5.1.

5. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 To receive a brief verbal report on 24/7 pilot and extended Easter opening
Both the University Library and the Open Access area had been busy throughout the whole period of extended opening. Entry data and feedback from students was shared and Ms Jones also reported on feedback she had received on behalf of the Students' Union. Although the pilot had been successful in terms of usage there was extensive wear and tear on the building and equipment and some negative feedback about student behaviour. A full report will be made to Directorate
- 5.2 To advise on revised opening hours of Library Loans and General Information desks from October 2011. Currently there are variable closing times for staffed desks during the evening opening hours. It has been decided to standardise these and from the next academic year both desks will close at 21.00.

6. BUDGET

- 6.1 To receive an update on the current situation in sector re-negotiations with publishers, and an estimate of 2012 journal inflation rates.

The Chair reported on a fluid situation within the sector regarding negotiations with publishers over renewals of big deals. There is evidence of some small movement towards agreement that price rises and the big deal model are unsustainable. Journal inflation for next year is currently estimated at 9%.

A ruling from the VAT Committee had been received confirming that VAT on e-books will continue to be levied.

Miss Hindson had modelled the Faculty budgets for next academic year assuming a 9% price increase, these were presented to members for discussion. It was agreed to continue the policy of renewing for one year only where possible in the current economic climate.

- 6.2 To consider renewals to Westlaw, Business Source Premier and Web of Science. Miss Hindson presented the benchmarking data for these products.

It was agreed to renew Business Source Premier for one year. This is heavily used, has a price increase of 5.2% and a cost per use of 20p.

Action AH

It was agreed to renew Westlaw for one year. Although this is not COUNTER compliant so it is difficult to obtain comparable usage data it appears to be well used, has an increase of 8.6% and a cost per use of 4p. **Action AH**

It was agreed to renew Web of Science for two years. The price increase is 3.5% per year if we renew for 2 years and the cost per use is 54p. **Action AH**

It was agreed to renew the Journal Citation Reports for two years. The price increase is 3.5% per year if we renew for 2 years. Although the cost per use is high at £2.13 this is used primarily only by staff and is needed for the REF. There was some discussion of whether this should be funded from the RAE element of the budget and it was agreed that we do so, spreading the cost equally across Faculties.

Action AH

7. THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

To receive a report from Ms Jones.

Ms Jones reported on a Students' Union survey of 320 students which had included some feedback on library and IT issues. Ms Jones agreed to share the report with both services. **Action SJ**

8. APPRECIATION

The Chair thanked Ms Jones for her contribution to the Committee throughout the academic year and wished both Ms Jones and Mr Naik well for the future.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 30 Nov 2011, when members will consider the renewal of Taylor & Francis, Sage, OUP, CUP, Wiley Blackwell and Science Direct (if offers have been received by then).

It was suggested that Liz Bartle, Deputy Finance Director be invited to the next meeting .

Action RG

Meetings for next session 30 Nov 2011
 07 March 2012
 13 June 2012