



## Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation

A meeting of the Information Resources and Access Working Party was held at 10.30am on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at the Queensland University of Technology, Carseldine Campus,

### Minutes

#### 1.0 Attendance

##### Present

Carolyn Young (Convenor)	Queensland Institute of Technology
Graham Black (Mentor) (teleconference)	Central Queensland University
Freya Bruce	Australian Catholic University
Gail White (teleconference)	Bond University
Chelsea Harper (teleconference)	Central Queensland University
Sonya Pennington (teleconference)	Charles Darwin University
Martin Borchert	Griffith University
Carolyn Tredrea (teleconference)	James Cook University
Colleen Cleary	Queensland University of Technology
Marilyn Hughes	University of Queensland
Heather Todd	University of Queensland
Clare Tittel (teleconference)	University of Southern Queensland
Tricia Hanrahan	University of the Sunshine Coast
Kerrie McLaren	Executive Officer

##### Apologies

Phil Finnimore	Southern Cross University
Jack Bedson	University of New England
Jocelyn Priddey	University of Queensland

#### 2.0 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006

It was noted Sonya Pennington had teleconferenced to the March meeting.

The minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

#### 3.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

##### 3.1 Digitisation Project Follow-up

##### 3.1.1 Open Access – letters from QULOC Convenor

Carolyn Young had prepared a draft a letter for the QULOC Convenor, Heather Gordon. The letter had been finalised and sent by the Executive Officer to the publishers on the *List of 23 priority titles for digitisation*. The letter outlined the opportunities for digitisation and listed a number of vendors for publishers to contact. The Executive Officer was also listed as a contact if further discussion was

required. Kerrie had received only one response regarding *Research Studies in Music Education*, advising a redirection for the editor's address. This journal was now available in digital format and members had been advised. Four letters had been returned to the Executive Officer by Australia Post.

No further action required. As discussed at the previous meeting, the Working Party would review and evaluate the list in 18 months time.

**Actions:** Executive Officer to redirect letters if correct addresses can be located.

## **3.2 Seminar Planning for 2006**

### **3.2.1 Digital Repository Seminar – APSR Successful Repository Seminar Update**

Carolyn advised that since the last meeting the Australian Partnership for Sustainable Repositories (APSR) had announced a seminar called *The Successful Repository* to be held in Brisbane on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Carolyn had discussed the seminar with Margaret Henty from APSR and felt there was significant overlap between the two workshops. As a result of the discussions Graham had put a proposal to the University Librarians Committee (ULs) to endorse collaborating with APSR on *The Successful Repository*. The ULs had approved the proposal with the proviso that the Working Party evaluate *The Successful Repository* seminar to see if a further workshop is required to meet QULOCs needs. There had been some further developments regarding a request for costs to assist with catering. Carolyn had discussed this request with Margaret Henty and this would not be pursued by APSR. QULOCs contribution would be to provide some volunteer assistance on the day.

**Actions:** Kerrie to email members to ask for volunteers to assist with the seminar.

### **3.2.1 Challenges in Collection Development and Acquisitions - Sub-committee update**

Carolyn Tredrea reported the sub-committee had some preliminary discussions and identified some themes for the workshop:

- Changing nature of library collections
- Challenges in datasets and digital collections
- Challenges in acquisitions and cataloguing
- Challenges in the workplace (changing roles and responsibilities)

Graham suggested this could be too broad to cover in one workshop and it would be better to narrow the focus.

The workshop would be scheduled for April 2007.

## **3.3 Review of minuted actions**

Carolyn Young had sent the feedback from the Working Party on the National Site Licensing Proposal to the QULOC Convenor. Carolyn had also received a letter regarding the proposal but had redirected the enquiry to CAUL, as the representative body for universities in Australia.

All other actions were completed.

#### 4.0 Feedback from University Librarians Meeting 30 March

##### 4.1 QULOC Research Grant Guidelines

Graham advised the ULs had decided to revise the QULOC Research Grant guidelines. The guidelines will be broadened to include:

- Projects, where the project has relevance beyond one institution and offers a sharing mechanism, either as a workshop, demonstration or by publication
- Will now allow collaboration with other organisations and the grant can be part of joint funding
- Removing restrictions that all researchers be staff of QULOC institutions. The new guidelines will stipulate that project have at least one member from a member library.

The Executive Officer will advise when the revised guidelines are available on the website.

Carolyn Young asked members to consider possible projects that may be suitable for the grant.

**Action:** Executive Officer to remind members to consider projects suitable for the QULOC Research Grant and add this item to the next agenda.

##### 4.2 Meetings to Use Videoconferencing

The ULs have requested each Working Party to hold at least one meeting in 2006 using videoconferencing. Some meetings could use access grid facilities. Members agreed it would be useful to have documentation on facilities available and key technical contacts. The collated information could then be put on the webpage.

**Action:** Members to advise the Executive Officer if they have access to videoconferencing and/or access grid facilities.

#### 5.0 Digital Amnesia: Challenges of Government Online – Report discussion.

A seminar summary by Colette Smith-Strong, Griffith University, of the Digital Amnesia seminar had been circulated to members for their comment. Access and preservation of the increasing number of government publications available electronically was discussed. Recommendation 3 of Colette's report stated;  
*Approach QULOC. Queensland needs an official presence at these forums – perhaps a QULOC Collections/Reference Group representative should attend on a regular basis? I believe few Queensland organizations, and none of the other libraries in our area, were present at this conference.*

In regards to this recommendation Carolyn Young had followed-up on progress from the seminar and whether QULOC should play a larger role. Carolyn had spoken with Roxanne Missingham from the ALIA Expert Group on Publications and had been advised that ALIA and Australian Government Information

Management Office (AGIMO) were perusing a framework for government agencies. Carolyn's discussions prompted a reminder that it may be timely for AGIMO to discuss the outcomes as preservation and access to electronic government publications was still an issue.

Members discussed if more lobbying was needed and any role QULOC could take. Discussions also questioned if government publications should be stored in a central repository. Martin noted storing a document in a central repository might not provide adequate context.

Edward advised there was no consistent standard for depositing government publications in Queensland. The State Library of Queensland tries to gather as much as possible. The State Library prefers to collect print copies and will then provide links to electronic copies from the catalogue.

After discussions members concluded that while e-permanence of government publication was an issue for the National and State Libraries it would be worthwhile to bring this to the attention of the ULs. It could also be useful for QULOC to highlight the concern of members by writing letters to the relevant State authorities, the National Library (NLA) and ALIA. Any letter should cover some aspects of best practice.

**Actions:**

1. Carolyn to include in the report to the ULs a recommendation that the QULOC raise with CAUL the issue/problems of preserving government publications in digital formats.
2. Edward to investigate if a key contact can be provided from State Library to keep QULOC briefed on future developments.

## **6.0 Standing Agenda Items**

### **6.1 CAUL Update**

Graham reported on CAUL April meeting.

CAUL decision on the National Site Licence is to provide advice and contribute when requested.

NLA has advised a change in the charging model for Libraries Australia. Currently the university sector provides \$1.8 million but the NLA is looking to increase this to \$2 million. Different charging models are proposed but CAUL has been given no insight into the business model. Some concern expressed that CAUL may be subsidizing other sectors. Each UL was presented with a spreadsheet regarding charging models.

Andrew Wells discussed Portico and archiving of digital content.

### **6.2 CEIRC Update**

Martin reported on March CEIRC meeting. Minutes available at: <http://www.caul.edu.au/meetings>.

Members were reminded that institutions could accept CEIRC negotiated arrangements or undertake their own negotiations.

### **6.3 Research Quality Framework**

Carolyn attended a Bibliometrics and RQF Performance Indicators Forum on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Notes from workshop are available from CAUL website (<http://www.anu.edu.au/caul/meetings/rqf2006researchindicators.html>) and includes a link to DEST website.

Heather noted John East had attended a session on bibliometrics and evaluating research journals.

Heather also advised that UQ was currently trialling a research assessment exercise based on a model they have developed. This could possibly be demonstrated at the next meeting and include a discussion of issues involved. UQ will now purchase two copies of any book written by UQ academic staff. Money has been allocated for this specific purpose.

#### ***Actions:***

1. Carolyn to circulate URLs and PowerPoint of her QUT presentation on RQF.
2. Heather to provide link on how to evaluate journals
3. Heather to advise if a demonstration of the UQ model can be demonstrated at the next meeting.

### **6.4 Collaborative Store Interest Group**

Collaborative Storage Interest Group has not met since last meeting.

MoveCorp is still completing the report for the University of Queensland. Heather suggested others may be interested in MoveCorp looking at their needs. This issue could be considered as a project for the QULOC research grant. The report could then be used to lobby the state government for support and funding.

## **7.0 Institutional Reports**

Members discussed their institutional reports.

## **8.0 Other Business**

### **8.1 Aggregated Databases**

Members discussed the relevance of aggregated databases now that complete sets of journal were often available from journal publishers. Some points discussed:

- Clients find aggregated datasets easy to use but there is a need to reduce duplication
- Invest in primary content
- QUT is currently evaluating Ebsco and Proquest to see if both are justified.
- Collection development issues - vendors determine what you buy, this may not necessarily be exactly what you want.
- Next licence for Factiva will allow federated searching
- QUT is currently undertaking a client usability study using interviews and videotaping. QUT has found clients find it difficult to use federated searching.
- Next generation of federated searching products should be better. Federated searching products need more promotion.
- More full text management systems becoming compatible with EndNote.
- Some researchers at UQ using QUOSA Information Manager.
- Issues with methodology for accounting for current journal titles.

## **8.2 Executive Officer**

Kerrie advised her tenure, as QULOC Executive Officer, would be extended to December 2006. Jim Graham from the Australian Catholic University would be the new QULOC Convenor from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

No other business

**9.0 Next Meeting:** 10.30am, 7<sup>th</sup> July, University of Queensland, Ipswich Campus.