



Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation

A meeting of the Information Resources and Access Working Party was held at 3.40pm on 20th April 2007 at University of Queensland, St Lucia

Minutes

1.0 Attendance

Present

Carolyn Young (Convenor)	Queensland University of Technology
Graham Black (Mentor) (teleconference)	Central Queensland University
Freya Bruce	Australian Catholic University
Chelsea Harper (teleconference)	Central Queensland University
Sonya Pennington (teleconference)	Charles Darwin University
Martin Borchert	Griffith University
Carolyn Tredrea	James Cook University
Colleen Cleary	Queensland University of Technology
Phil Finnimore (teleconference)	Southern Cross University
Edward Flynn	State Library of Queensland
Jocelyn Priddey	University of Queensland
Heather Todd	University of Queensland
Eileen Salisbury	University of the Sunshine Coast
Catherine Ashley	Executive Officer

Apologies

Gail White	Bond University
Warren Gilson	University of New England
Clare Tittel	University of Southern Queensland

2.0 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th February 2007

Edward noted that CASL had been renamed NSLA (National & State Libraries Australasia).

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

3.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

3.1 QULOC research money funding bid

Martin had proposed that the IRA WP apply for a QULOC Research and Publication Grant to collaboratively investigate client acceptance and usage of ebooks. He advised that 20% of the monograph budget at Griffith is spent on ebooks and he would like more data on how these resources were being used. He commented on the need to interview students and academics and the fact that publishers do not provide enough information to effectively evaluate ebook usage. He noted that Griffith has recently adopted an interesting purchase model trialled at Swinburne University where EBL ebooks are leased for the initial four times they are accessed and purchased after the fifth time accessed.

There was general discussion on the proposal. Carolyn noted that the project would need to be scoped and suggested a document be prepared for discussion at the next meeting. Colleen suggested that the JISC study might provide an alternative method of obtaining information on usage. It was noted that this was a two year study and

data would not be available in the short term although it could be useful for scoping purposes. (JISC website: <http://www.jiscebooksproject.org>). Heather noted the need for data to reflect usage in home institutions to support purchases to management.

Martin asked for a partner to work on scoping the document to avoid limiting the project to a Griffith focus and members agreed that Clare Titell at USQ should be approached. USQ have embraced e books because of their strong involvement with distance education.

Carolyn suggested involving someone from the library school eg. as a project for a masters student. Graham noted that CAUL are keen to have papers published and that conditions for the grant had been revised and academics could be involved. Members agreed that the document should be tabled at the June meeting with the intent of applying for a grant at the ULs meeting in July.

Actions:

1. Martin to contact Clare to see if she is agreeable to collaborate on scoping the project.
2. Martin and Clare to prepare a draft Research and Publication Grants Application for discussion at the June meeting.

3.2 Review of minuted actions

It was confirmed that Helen Thistleton (or an alternative SLQ representative if Helen is unavailable) would be invited as guest speaker at the next IRA WP meeting to discuss preservation of government publications in digital format.

All other actions completed.

4.0 Feedback from University Librarians' meeting 30th March 2007

4.1 Strategic Plan 2007-2010

The ULs met on 29th March to draft the Strategic Plan for 2007-2010. A template is being prepared to include the ULs Strategic Plan with additional columns for individual working party action plans and achievements. The draft Strategic Plan and Working Party Action Plan template will be sent to the ULs as a flying minute, and subject to their approval, distributed to the working parties to complete their action plans.

4.2 Suggested topics for ULs Forum in November

The ULs had asked for suggestions from the working parties on possible topics for their next forum. Graham confirmed that the forum does not have to be in the same format as previous years. One suggestion was that panel members conduct a debate.

Action: To be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

4.3 Valuation of Collections Asset Management

Graham advised that the ULs had discussed the Queensland Treasury's guidelines on accounting for library collections and how member libraries were handling their audit reports. The ULs were concerned about the way the policy had been interpreted by different auditors. CQU had been audited by KPG and had to produce analysis of collection borrowing patterns to support their report. (Copies of the analysis were distributed to IRA WP prior to the meeting.) The ULs were interested in what information could be obtained from the various library systems to provide statistical evidence.

Carolyn discussed QUT's experience in valuing their collection under the new guidelines. Her advice was to work closely with your Finance people and ensure both

parties understand each other. In gathering evidence at QUT, loans of books and a/v was required for justification of "common use" collection category. She advised to look hard at accuracy of loan statistics and look at what you can get out of your loans system to quantify the number of loans of books added to the collection over the past 1-2 years. The "reference collection" category at QUT was assessed as the ready reference collection. Current subscriptions were examined in regard to the value of the collection being under \$1.0 million. QUT had found work over the past couple of years to review ongoing subscriptions and weed the reference collections of older, little used materials had helped to reduce the value of this collection. Graham noted that it is useful to be able to refer to the Library's collection development policy and statements on weeding to substantiate your position.

There was some discussion about the suitability of the Guidelines categories in describing University library collections. Members discussed the possibility of QULOC approaching Treasury about reviewing the Guidelines. Graham was of the opinion that libraries should be approaching their Directors of Finance as any approach to Treasury should be from the University rather than QULOC. Carolyn's opinion was that the best chance for change is by acting in the first year of implementation ie this year. Martin noted that the final Guidelines were very different to the final draft version that Treasury had sent to universities for comment.

The ULs had suggested sharing of statistical evidence although each library management system is very different. WP members agreed that a list of likely statistics be prepared and shared to help individual libraries think about what they may need to provide in the future. This would also help members look at any inadequacies in their current library system. Carolyn recommended that members think of additional information as the auditors may focus on other categories next time around. This time their focus was on common use and reference collections and they were silent on electronic resources and periodicals.

Actions:

- 1.0 Graham and Carolyn to prepare a list of what they think might be helpful statistics that they have had to provide Queensland Audit Office.
- 2.0 Working Party to keep a watching brief on developments regarding valuations and government policy.

5.0 Review of Seminar – *Challenges in Collection Development and Acquisitions*

Carolyn Tredrea reported that a good range of papers and topics had been presented at the workshop. The workshop was well attended with 62 registrations and a number of applicants on a waiting list. Carolyn thanked the Seminar Sub-committee for their work in making the seminar such a success.

Action:

1. Executive Officer to collate feedback sheets and distribute to working party members.
2. Carolyn T to email presenters asking for permission to publish their powerpoint presentations on the QULOC website.

6.0 Standing Agenda Items

6.1 CAUL Update

Nothing to report. The next CAUL meeting is scheduled in early May.

6.2 CEIRC Update

Colleen reported on highlights from the CEIRC meeting held on 18th April 2007.

- Planning for a Workshop on statistics for database/dataset statistical coordinators is being organised by Neil Renison. A survey had been conducted of CAUL dataset

coordinators regarding content of the workshop which will be held in Sydney in August with a follow up workshop in February 2008. The follow up workshop will include hands on activities.

- Fairfax are refusing to remove the indemnity clause and it is expected the same clause will be included in AFR.com licence. Dianne Costello is to contact Fairfax about the clause and the authentication model. Andrew Wells is planning to approach the VC at University of NSW to try and gain his support in an approach to Fairfax.
- Negotiation with Sage continues. There have been 6 versions of the proposal to date. Sage has agreed for EBSCO to negotiate on their behalf.
- Problems associated with renewals at Taylor & Francis are not expected to be resolved until new staff are in place.
- Confusion regarding the Wylie package of new and transferred titles.
- Review of CAUL/CEIRC office processes.

6.3 Research Quality Framework

Nothing to report.

6.4 Collaborative Store Interest Group

Nothing to report.

6.5 Preservation of Queensland Government Publications in Digital Formats

See 3.2. Nothing further to report.

7.0 Institutional Reports

Members discussed their institutional reports.

Phil advised that SCU would soon be implementing ExLibris.

Members discussed the new Libraries Australia costing model. Both JCU and CQU will be paying more under the new model, UQ will be paying about the same and QUT and Griffith will be paying more. Graham advised that Jan Fullerton was attending the next CAUL meeting to discuss the model.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 AFR.com

Carolyn Y asked if any member libraries were considering signing the new licence for AFR.com. Jocelyn advised that UQ were not. Griffith are buying one extra paper subscription to put in the library and QUT are doing similar. Carolyn Y noted that DA have confirmed that AFR image version will be withdrawn from Newsbank. Colleen commented the 25 beta testers at QUT Library had not been asked to undertake searches by users. Martin noted that if CAUL members remained united, they would have more power to bargain with Fairfax than an individual library approach.

Carolyn noted university libraries were not legally able (nor would they want to) provide usernames and passwords to an external institution as it would contravene privacy laws.

8.2 Jack Bedson's retirement

Jocelyn asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Jack for his contributions of QULOC over the years.

Action:

Executive Officer to draft a letter of thanks to Jack for signature by the convenor.

9.0 Next Meeting:

10.30am, 8th June 2007, State Library of Queensland.