

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY

Library Users' Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 March 2006.

Mr G Murdock (Chair)

Prof A S Alexandrov (abs)	Mr P J Holligan (abs)
Ms P Alfrey (abs)	Dr R E Kinna
Dr S M Allin	Prof Y V Kurylev (abs)
Mr W Chen	Dr J Lawrence
Dr D S Coates	Prof G Mason
Dr G Egan	Mrs M D Morley
Dr M A Evans (abs)	Prof C Oppenheim
Dr M Gil-Molto	Prof P H Roberts (abs)
Dr D Graham (abs)	Mr R D Seager
Dr H Gross (abs)	Mr A H Tyler
Dr R J Heath (abs)	Dr L Webb

In attendance:

Jeff Brown, Stephanie McKeating and Kelly Friend.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Alfrey, Dr Evans, Dr Graham and Mr Holligan.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2005 were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

Min 6. Noted.

Min 7. The University Archivist is still in talks with the Chair of the Arts Committee.

4. E-books

Jeff Brown, Support Services Manager, gave a presentation on the Library's E-books. A number of concerns were raised, which were endorsed by the Committee, and Gabriel Egan will raise these issues at the next JISC ebooks working group meeting.

Further details of the ebook service can be found on the Library's web pages at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/ebooks.html>.

5. Library budget 2006-2007

5.1 Mary Morley and Graham Murdock will be meeting with the Vice Chancellor to discuss the budget. It was agreed that access to material supporting research, including electronic resources, remained the priority for increased investment, and this will be put forward at the meeting.

5.2 To be discussed at the next meeting. Please email Graham Murdock with feedback on allocation for departments, and any suggested changes to the methodology used to inform the allocations.

6. Librarian's reports

The report was noted.

Proposals for the Café 641 extension have reached stage B, and it is looking hopeful that this will take place over the summer vacation.

Further information on the Secure Electronic Delivery (SED) service, will be put on the Library's web pages in the coming weeks.

7. Operational plan, 2005-2006

Noted.

8. Any other business

8.1 Energy costs for the Library have increased by 83 per cent so far this year, mainly due to price increases. The Operations Sub-Committee has agreed an uplift to the Library budget at the end of the year, when full costs are known.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May 2006 at 1pm in Library Training Room 1.