

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY

Library Users' Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 February 2008.

Mr G Murdock (Chair)

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| Prof A S Alexandrov (abs) | Dr J Lawrence (abs) |
| Ms P Alfrey | Dr J Millett |
| Dr S M Allin | Mrs M D Morley |
| Mr W Chen (abs) | Dr A O'Brien (abs) |
| Dr D S Coates | Dr T Ryley |
| Ms S Driscoll (abs) | Dr A Salagean |
| Dr M A Evans | Mr R D Seager |
| Dr B Ferrett (abs) | Dr G Shama (abs) |
| Dr J Fitzpatrick (abs) | Dr I Varela-Silva |
| Prof N A Halliwell (abs) | Dr L Webb |
| Dr R J Heath (abs) | Dr M Webber (abs) |
| Dr E Hunsicker | |

In attendance: Jeff Brown, Peter Lund and Kelly Friend.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Chen, Dr Ferrett, Dr Fitzpatrick, Dr Heath, Dr Webber, Dr O'Brien and Dr Shama.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2007 were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

Item 5: Location of current serials
The conclusions in the circulated paper were noted.

4. Research support in 1994 Group libraries

Peter Lund gave a presentation on the findings of a recent survey (full report available at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/about/PDFs/1994.pdf>).

Suggestions that subscriptions to electronic resources should be better promoted were taken on board. Further information will be placed on the Library's web pages, and could also be publicised on the Library's faculty team blogs.

5. Library budget 2008-2009

The Committee wished the submission to include an increase of at least £1 million in recurrent funding, to be allocated to electronic resources. This was considered to be the minimum necessary to effect a significant improvement in support for research, and should enable the University to match the mean of 1994 Group library expenditure. Better marketing of e-resources was strongly recommended to maximise the cost-effectiveness of additional funding.

Concerns about inadequate library support for research and learning had been raised recently in at least nine departmental development plans, and at Senate. Specific examples of the current level of provision contributing to recruitment difficulties, or to other negative outcomes, should be passed to Mary as soon as possible.

6. Librarian's report

Noted.

7. Operational plan, 2007-2008

Noted.

8. Any other business

There was none.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th May 2008 at 1pm in Library Training Room 1.