Library Committee

5 December 2012

Report (for Noting)

College of Science and Engineering College Library Committee: Update

Library Materials Budget:

At the last meeting there was a discussion about the growing pressures on the budget. It was agreed that some form of review of current journal subscriptions should be done early in 2013, but it was noted that this is not a straightforward process given the number of titles in bundles and further thought will be given as to what form the review should take. Simon Parsons gave a report on the first meeting of the group reviewing the cross College allocation model.

Open Access Issues:

The Committee discussed the issues in the light of the Finch Report. Members wanted to know what arrangements will be put in place in the University and when. Information and guidance is required now.

Collections Review:

Elize Rowan from L&C Division attended to give an update on the implementation of the CR recommendations and the process for spending up the central £500k.

Study Space:

The Committee was briefed by Richard Battersby on the significant changes over the Summer:

- closing of the 3 libraries at KB;
- opening of the Murray Library, on time, on 31 July;
- Murray Library has been very well used since week 1 of Semester;
- the redevelopment of Floor 1 of the KB Centre to provide extra study space;
- Estates Committee approved the release of funding for the redevelopment of the upper floor of the former Darwin Library. To take place Spring/Summer 2013.

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