University of Cambridge

JOURNALS CO-ORDINATION SCHEME

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th February 2015
In the Milstein Seminar Rooms, University Library

Present: David Wills (Acting Chair/JCS Team), Dan Crane (Engineering), Nicholas Cutler (Computer Lab.), Yvonne Nobis (Moore), Yvonne Nobis (Moore), Sue Lambert (Moore), Joanne Farrant (JCS Team)

Apologies: Stephen Dale (CSL/JCS Team), Niamh Tumelty (Engineering), Helen Stevens-Smith (Computer Engineering and Biotechnology)

1. Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2014 were accepted.

3. Matters arising

Funding. David Wills explained that a planning round meeting with the University Librarian and the Finance Manager for Non-School Institutions had been held in November 2014 and that, after a careful review of the figures, it had been agreed to make £50,000 of the current surplus available to address new needs across the Scheme for 2014/15 with a further £25,000 allocated for 2015/16. The Scheme was still predicted to be in deficit by 2016/17 and so David urged members to continue to exercise prudence and to consider titles for cancellation.

Swets. Joanne reported that all subscriptions previously with Swets had been moved to new suppliers before the end of 2014 and that the long task of identifying duplicate issues, missing issues etc. had begun. Joanne also reported that the University’s Finance Division had been in negotiations with the Swets administrators and had agreed a settlement figure with them. Several subscriptions had been moved to EBSCO and David told the Committee that, at a recent meeting with the JCS Team, EBSCO were keen to emphasize their solid financial position; they recognized early on that profit margins from journal subscriptions were small and had diversified into other areas. EBSCO had also demonstrated their subscription management tool, EBSCONet, and Joanne informed the Committee that the JCS Team were planning to hold a drop-in session for faculty/departmental librarians to learn more about EBSCONet, our account set-up, claiming etc. Joanne also advised members, in the short term, to let the JCS Team know of any journal issues needing to be claimed.

4. Matters of interest from the UL

Connect (library management system replacement programme). Joanne observed that the programme had gathered momentum recently. Most of those present had been able to attend one of the recent roadshows and all types of library across the University, including the colleges, appeared to be well represented on the various work package groups.
5. Open Access

David reminded the Committee that HEFCE were expecting 100% compliance by April 2016 and noted that as of October 2014 the University of Cambridge had achieved just below 50% compliance.

Joanne informed the Committee that Dr Danny Kingsley had taken up the post of Head of Scholarly Communication at the beginning of January 2015 and that responsibility for Open Access and DSpace@Cambridge had passed to her. It was expected that Danny would be attending the next Steering Committee meeting (16th March 2015) to give an update.

6. Recommendations

Joanne reminded the Committee of the funds available for the remainder of FY 2014/15: £5,677 (£7,500 from the £50,000 allocated for new needs across the Scheme, less £1,823 allocated Michaelmas 2014).

A consolidated list of recommendations (Paper 15-2) had been circulated prior to the meeting and, after some discussion, it was agreed to put forward the titles shown in the table below to the Steering Committee for consideration for purchase.

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Regarding the recommendation for an electronic subscription to New scientist. The Committee were in agreement that this is essentially a coffee table title and therefore outside of the scope of the JCS. It was also noted that it was, although difficult to retrieve, available via Factiva from 2002.

9. Vacancy for Chair of Consultative Committee for Technology

Joanne told the Committee that she had contacted Dr Markus Kuhn and that he was expecting to succeed Professor Dowling on the Steering Committee, but not on this Consultative Committee. The position of Chair therefore remained vacant.

9. Dates of meetings 2014-15

Thursday 28th May 2015, 10.30 a.m., Milstein Seminar Rooms, UL

10. Any other business

Nicholas Cutler enquired as to the availability of British standards (technically outside of the scope of the JCS). Yvonne reported that these used to be received in print via legal deposit but, due to lack of space, this arrangement was stopped at our request. Electronic access had been investigated, but the cost had been found to be prohibitive. It was noted that the public library
used to have them online. David advised Nicholas that if the need for electronic access became urgent that a request could be made to the Accessions Committee.