Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2010 at 14:00, Board Room, Engineering Department

Present: Professor Dame Ann Dowling (Chair), Lesley Gray (Journals Coordinator), Yvonne Nobis (CSL/Moore), Hilary McOwat, Andy Priestner, Jim Thompson and Dr Jonathan Goodman (School of Physical Sciences).

Apologies: Nicholas Cutler, Sue Lambert, Lyn Bailey (A&H), Linda Washington (HSS), David Brown (Biological Sciences).

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held 23 February 2010 were accepted.

2. Matters arising

Item 8. Purchase of Wiley Blackwell backfiles. Lesley Gray thanked libraries for their feedback, and reported that demand for STM titles exceeded had $149 K which is more than had been allocated to the sciences. Backfile purchase is CIF funding and not JCS funding. Only the 1st and 2nd priorities of titles with over 100 turnaways would be put forward for science titles. The complete list will be posted when compiled.

3. Report from the JCS Steering Committee held in March 2010

Professor Dowling and Lesley Gray reported on the Steering Committee meeting.

- **Planning round application:** The RMC will fund a 9% increase for 2011 subscriptions but after that the funding would be flat, with 0% increase; this was discussed at the SC which felt that a 6-10% decrease in expenditure for 2012 would be needed to allow for price rises. (10% is £40k). There were high level discussions taking place between library directors on the publishers annual price increases which were unsustainable in the current economic climate. Future pricing models are being discussed by publishers. Some of the large JCS deals are due for renewal next year and serious consideration will need to be given as to whether to renew. It was noted that a price based on use rather than historic spend for high-use resources was unlikely to lower the cost of packages.

- **Declaration of interests:** The Chairman of the Steering Committee had proposed that all JCS committee members be requested to complete a declaration of interest as editors, membership of editorial and advisory boards and any pertinent associations with journal publishers. It was noted that each department may decide locally how far to extend this. Information concerning the declaration will be circulated soon.

The Consultative Committee wondered if fund raising was an option to get extra funds but accepted that this sort of expenditure was not likely to attract donors.

4. Prioritisation of new recommendations, proposed cancellations and upgrades to subscriptions
• **Recommendations** - The recommendations and scoring of the School of Technology titles were discussed. It was noted that the Moore Library had recommended titles not supported by any School department; the sources of these will be checked in case they would be better placed with another School (Moore Library and CSL recommendations are only placed once over all the Schools). The librarians will further consider the priorities before final submission. Andy Priestner said that he had put in for new funding for expenditure at the Judge Business School to fund two packages (Emerald and ABI Inform) though he did not yet know if either request would succeed. If a package was bought it would be made available University-wide through the JCS though would continue to be funded by JBS. Titles within these new resources were high priorities in the November 2009 consultation.

Lesley Gray confirmed that the next step was to clarify the Moore Library’s scorings, to add Chemical Engineering’s scores and to re-circulate the recommendations list. There is unlikely to be any funding available to buy any of these titles, but the wish-list should be kept up to date. It was noted that new titles might emerge which were later judged to be more important than old ones.

• **Cancellations** - Lesley Gray asked the committee members to check the list carefully and let her have objections as soon as possible. Duplicates will be cancelled.

• **Upgrades**: Lesley requested that further comments should be submitted as soon as possible.

5. **Renewals and operational procedures for 2010/11**

Lesley Gray said that all libraries could go ahead and do their own renewals for 2011. Lists should be checked so that titles marked for cancellation were not renewed and any large increases in price should be queried with the subscription agents. Prepayment invoices should be sent to the JCS as soon as possible. Libraries do have access to JCS ledgers in Voyager. Swets invoices will be processed via EDI. Advice on Swets payments and training in Voyager acquisitions client are available from the co-ordination office.

6. **Dates of next meetings**

   Monday 25th October 2010 at 14:00  
   Friday 4th March 2011 at 10:00  
   Friday 3rd June 2011 at 10:00

7. **Any other business**

Lesley reported that the JCS Steering Committee discussed the matter of lending journals across all libraries. As the Steering Committee was recommending all paper duplicates should be cancelled, it was a matter of concern that the sole remaining paper copy of a journal would be easily available - for example, currently the UL lends bound journals for 8 weeks. The Steering Committee felt journals should be reference only. The UL are discussing it and have found that loans of journals had reduced a lot in recent years. Other libraries were asked to consider not lending journals. This was a matter to be discussed with department library committees.

There was no other business.