Present: Niamh Tumelty (Chair, Engineering), Stephen Dale (JCS Team), Sue Lambert (Moore Lib.), Dan Crane (Engineering), David Wills (JCS Team), Joanne Farrant (JCS Team)

Apologies: Nicholas Cutler (Computer Lab.), Yvonne Nobis (Moore Lib.)

1. Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2016 were accepted.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Matters of interest from the UL

Officer responsible for the JCS. David Wills informed the Committee that he had taken over from Anne Jarvis as the officer responsible for the JCS, at least until the appointment of a new Librarian.

New library management system. Joanne Farrant told the Committee that, following the successful launch of iDiscover (Primo), the Connect Team had now turned their focus towards the implementation of Alma scheduled for summer 2017.

5. Financial matters

David told members that he was currently working on the Journals Co-ordination Scheme’s submission to the Planning Round for 2016 which would include a request to the University’s Resource Management Committee to consider an increase in funding to the Scheme.

David reiterated that FY 2016/17 would be a tough one for the JCS and it was noted that:

- the University’s Resource Management Committee (RMC) had cut the amount of central funding to the JCS for 2016/17 by the amount of the surplus carried forward from 2015/16. RMC had not singled out the JCS, but had treated all administered funds carrying forward a surplus similarly
- there was no new needs money available
- the terms of the deal agreed between Elsevier and Jisc were not yet known
- the NHS would most likely not continue to contribute to the Scheme (approximately £90,000 per year)
- unfavourable exchange rates meant that US dollar payments were costing the Scheme 25% more than a twelve months ago
- the impact of Open Access still remained unclear.

6. Open Access

David noted that the shift towards OA had perhaps not happened as radically as had originally been expected. However, at some point, there would inevitably be a conflict over funding, the JCS currently spending £5 million per annum on journals and the OSC £2 million on APCs.

7. Prioritisation of recommendations

It was agreed that it was important to build up a clear picture of the needs across the University and, to that end, David asked members to continue to put forward new recommendations for purchase, despite the present lack of funding;

Niamh Tumelty thanked the JCS Team for the work they had done on identifying titles not tied up in bundles and urged members to actively look for titles that could be cancelled, especially if new titles were urgently required.

*International journal of intellectual property management* was flagged as priority.

8. CUP deal

Joanne informed the Committee that the JCS Team had managed to negotiate an agreement with CUP whereby it would be possible to convert subscriptions held by the UL, faculties and departments, but not the colleges, to e-only for 2017, at no extra cost to the Scheme. Joanne also mentioned that CUP were considering changing their pricing model to Jisc-banded for 2018; this would probably work out more expensive for the University of Cambridge.

There were no objections to converting CUP subscriptions to e-only.

9. Dates of meeting 2016-17

Tuesday 28th February 2017, 10.00a.m., Aoi Meeting Room, UL
Tuesday 9th May 2017, 10.00a.m., Aoi Meeting Room, UL

Niamh volunteered to contact the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology to see whether it would make it easier for them to attend if meetings were held at West Cambridge.

10. Any other business

Niamh, in her new role as Acting Head of STEM Libraries, stated her intention to attend at least some of the Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences consultative committee meetings.