# Minutes

# Library Advisory Committee

MEETING NO. 2021 - Meeting 3

DATE / TIME 11 April 2022 - 3:00pm

VENUE Graneek Room, Chifley Library and Zoom

ATTENDING Chair: Associate Professor Keturah Whitford, ANU College of Business &

**Economics** 

Roxanne Missingham, University Librarian

Associate Professor Roald Maliangkay, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific

Christian Flynn, ANU Student Association (ANUSA)

Delephene Fraser, Postgraduate and Research Student Association

(PARSA)

Gunjan Dixit, Postgraduate and Research Student Association (PARSA)

Dr Lexing Xie, ANU College of Engineering & Computer Science

Dr Clement (Yongxi) Chen, ANU College of Law

Dr Rosalie Aroni, Medical School, ANU College of Health & Medicine Professor Rosalind Smith, ANU college of Arts & Social Sciences Katie Ferguson, SIS Senior Manager Collection Access and Discovery

Margaret Prescott, Secretary

APOLOGIES Heather Jenks, Associate Director Library Services

OBSERVERS Kathryn Dan, University Archivist

#### Part 1 Procedural items

#### 1. Apologies and announcements

The Chair welcomed the committee members and in particular the new members who have joined Prof Rosalind Smith, for the ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences and Dr Clement Chen, for the ANU College of Law. An apology was received from Heather Jenks.

#### 2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of Monday 22 November 2021 were approved with no corrections.

**Resolution** Minutes agreed

### 3. Matters arising

Action ID	Description	Responsibility	Status	Notes
Meeting 2/2021				
#1	Approval for Law Library trial of 24/7 opening for semester 2 2021	Roxanne Missingham & Heather Jenks	Complete	Report in papers for this meeting
#2	Exploring 24/7 trial in Art & Music for academics and HDRs in 2022	Roxanne Missingham	Complete	Report in papers for this meeting
#3	Explore the issue of access to material in languages other than English through discovery systems with colleagues in IARU libraries	Roxanne Missingham	In 2022 plan	Library systems upgrade will provide an opportunity to improve access to non-English language material
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	promote collection through having academics talk about the collection item/s that is/are most significant to them			availability of staff to commence this project in 2022
#7	Digitisation plan for 2022 – include student representative	Roxanne Missingham	Complete	Tour of Archives and rare books collection held for ANUSA and PARSA representatives
Meeting 2/2022 #1	University Librarian to pass on to staff in SIS the Committee's appreciation for their work during the pandemic	Roxanne Missingham	Complete	
#2	The Library to review messaging to students to ensure that availability of support and library access is clearer	Roxanne Missingham	Commenced	
#3	The Library to provide a briefing on ACM and Read & Public licencing.	Library	Complete	
#4	The Library to provide a briefing on Sage and Read & Public licencing.	Library	Complete	
#5	The Library to provide a paper to the next meeting of the committee on Law Library 24x7	Library	Complete	

Also noted that the Menzies lighting issue in the shelving area has been improved with new lighting installed throughout the areas affected.

Resolution Noted

# Part 2. Reports

2.1. Collections at risk

The ANU Archives and Library contain collections of national significance. A significant number of resources are audio visual material in physical formats with a limited life span. By 2025, obsolete, tapes-based formats from the 20<sup>th</sup> century are at risk of being forever lost.

While we reasonable know what is held in the Archives and Library collections, there is no central register of materials held in Colleges and Schools across the University, placing important collections at greater risk of loss. The Committee was asked liaise with their colleagues to ascertain if they have collections that should be digitised and at what priority to ensure future researchers and students do not loose vital resources. This is a complex issue that will need consultation including permissions for usage and will need to be University wide.

- Delephene Fraser, PARSA President, asked what indigenous collections are held across the University and in what is the situation of the storage, from a position of safety and cultural sensitivity. Response: At present, without input from the Colleges and Schools we do not know.
- Delephene Fraser, PARSA President, has volunteered to be part of a project to explore indigenous collections, records and objects.

Resolution	Noted
Action #1	The Committee to communicate with colleagues that a project for digitisation of audio visual resources provide information on any material held in colleges that may need digitisation.

#### 2.2. Library hours

Access to libraries is an issue of critical importance to academics and students at the University. Library spaces are key to providing a quality University experience for student engagement with learning. Following continued feedback from the ANU community, the Library is continuing to trial expansion of opening hours.

- The Law Library trial of opening 24 x 7 has been very successful with issues raised addressed and the implementation very popular, particularly with students who cannot attend campus during normal working hours.
- Drawing on the model now established, a trial will commence in the Art & Music Library for 24 x 7 on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. This trial will be limited to academics and postgraduates.
   Work is currently underway to improve the security in the area of the Library.
- A question was raised regarding the Menzies Library and the potential to open longer, if not 24 x 7. Menzies will not be opened 24 x 7 because of the valuable collections held in the building. We can look to opening an additional evening until 8pm. Committee members were asked to provide feedback on which night, in addition to Thursday it would be best to open later.

Resolution	Noted
Action # 2	The Committee to provide feedback on preferences Menzies opening hours – which evenings are preferred for late hours (to 8pm).

#### 2.3. Read and Publish agreements

Read and Publish (RAP) agreements that combine the cost of reading (academics having access through Library subscriptions) and publishing (Article Processing Charges/APCs). The end goal of RAP is a fully open access publishing environment. The Library is offering to reach out to academics to present the opportunities that these agreements can offer and asks the Committee to provide contact information to arrange the best timing for these presentations.

 Dr Rosalie Aroni suggested that times need to when academics are available which will include breakfast or after 5pm if possible. • Associate Professor Roald Maliangkay asked this extend to publishing books? Response – It can, but with different costings and conditions. The Library already participates in several open access arrangements and are happy to look at any questions or comments. Policy changes with the shift to open access, at present, means that some groups, including Cambridge University Press, offer a model where authors can pay to make their work open access. This can be in the range of £15,000 GBP. Question: - how can this be funded? ANU will explore a humanities and social science open access initiative for papers.

Resolution	Noted
Action #3	The Committee to provide feedback on timing issues to include in communication to academics on read and publish agreements.

### 2.4. Review of Academic Competencies & Digital Capabilities

Supporting student skills is an important activity for this Division. The review was timely, as the incorporation of Academic Skills into the division provided an opportunity to rethink and regrow. The changes in from curriculum reform provide a context for a revitalised approach.

Key points noted in the report state that ANU is confusing and we need to streamline our services with a central point of contact for students seeking assistance to build their academic skills. Challenges will be getting the messaging correct for the students and developing a 'one University' approach. We are open to ideas.

Resolution	Noted.
Action # 4	The Committee to provide advice on priorities for programs to support student skills and capabilities and implementation of the reports recommendations.

#### 2.5. Flood collection replacement project report

Flood replacements are still moving strongly including purchases of \$1.3mil in a single day recently. Don't forget if you are looking for something lost in the flood that is yet to be replaced, let us know.

Resolution	Noted
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#### 2.6. Annual Report

2021 was a year with extraordinary challenges with the pandemic, online teaching and the addition of Academic Skills and CartoGIS to the portfolio. New services were introduced together with new technology to improve student and academic experiences.

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#### 2.7. 2022 Planning

The SIS plan was set against the environment of hybrid teaching and need to make significant uplift to support education. Two planning days have assisted in refining the plan. Prof Bruce Scates, Prof Matt Tomlinson, Dr Rosalie Aroni, Chido Nyakuengama (ANUSA Vice President) and Delephene Fraser (PARSA President) shared a great range of insights in the first planning day.

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#### 2.8. ANU Graduate Attributes

Graduate Attributes is very significant to SIS services which have been developed to support and grow these attributes. Advice from the Committee is always welcomed on how to further improve our support.

#### Resolution

Noted

#### 2.9. Library report

ANU Libraries have continued to service our clients regardless of the challenges of the past year. They continue to work in a hybrid fashion to ensure our students and academics receive the best attention and any issues are met and overcome.

Our involvement in the International Association of Research University (Libraries) (IARU) as now developed a passport to enable academics and postgraduates easier access to the groups' research facilities.

#### Resolution

Notes with appreciate for the work of staff.

#### 2.10. Archives and Records report

Archives services rebounded from COVID disruption while critical planning is underway to preserve vulnerable audio-visual material and manage scarce storage space, while continuing to grow the collection.

Records are making improvements as suggested in the audit.

#### Resolution

Notes with appreciate for the work of staff

#### 2.11. Digitisation report

Our Digitisation team continue with wonderful work to assist with providing digital exhibitions from our collections, while preserving materials and increasing their accessibility. Current work is preparation for Marie Reay celebrations as she would have turned 100 in early July. There will be join exhibitions from Archives and our digital team.

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# Part 3 Other business and closing remarks

- It was suggested that the next meeting be held in July/August the Committee tour the Marie Reay exhibition and the Rare Books room.
- In second semester there will be a Student Global Health conference and Dr Rosalie
  Aroni suggested it would be valuable to discuss the conference with library staff to
  extend the conference to include how the students have used the Library resources.
- The next meeting to be scheduled for July/August 2022 TBA.

New, ongoing and completed action items are identified in the tables below for review and comment at the next meeting.

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#5	Next meeting – July/August 2022	Margaret Prescott	

## 3.2 Completed action items

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