



opportunity and benefits to Professional Services staff of publishing works via the UCL Press be addressed within leadership team meetings.

- 29.4. Arising from Minute 17.9, the Chair confirmed that he was following up with colleagues in Estates to request a formal update on wheelchair access at the Institute of Education (IOE) library.
- 29.5. Arising from Minute 21.2.b, the Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) fed back that the revised UCL Records Management Policy would be publicised via the next termly update to Deans and this would also be promoted within future leadership team meetings with Deans. The Chair reported that he had received positive feedback regarding the recently instigated visits from the Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) to Deans and it was agreed that these should be continued into the new academic year.
- 29.6. Arising from Minute 24.2.a, the Director of Operations (LCCOS) confirmed that he would provide an update to LC's Term 1 2022-23 meeting with regards to Estates masterplan proposals for different study and assessment spaces; the Chair suggested it would be good if these visual representations could also be displayed somewhere to enable students to see them.

## **Part II: Strategic Items for Discussion**

### **30. Report of the Pro-Vice-Provost (UCL Library, Culture, Collections & Open Science) (3-02)**

- 30.1. Dr Paul Ayris, Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) introduced the paper, which focussed on the Key Performance Areas of the Library Strategy and measured performance against those themes since the last meeting of LC. The following key points were highlighted:
  - a.

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- a. The Chair congratulated LCCOS colleagues on the significant work which

for the Research Excellence Framework (REF), with most faculties now over 90% compliant month-on-month with REF requirements.

- b. UCL Press had now passed 6 million downloads and it was expected to reach 7 million by early next spring. The Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) highlighted thanks to Professor David Price as outgoing Vice-Provost (Research, Innovation and Global Engagement (RIGE)) who had been such a champion of the UCL Press. whA6 (c s)7 ( 90)10:iearo hauthar 906e beon hos12

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- c. It was noted that the Open Science agenda had so far been largely dominated by hard sciences and STEM subjects, and so tended to be framed by disciplinary concerns in those areas, for example around reproducibility. It would be useful if UCL could consider more nuanced ways of thinking at a granular disciplinary level for other disciplines such as the Arts where some of these modes of evaluations might not be so applicable. The Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) responded that he was keen to look at how Open Science could be more inclusive of non-STEM subjects and reported that he had received valuable input from Professor Margot Finn from the department of History on how Open Science works within History. The Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS) would follow up with Professor Finn regarding the possibility of preparing a paper focussing on these considerations.

**(Action: Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS))**

**32. Enabling our Academic Mission (Oral report)**

- 32.1. Mr Andy Smith, Chief Information Officer, provided an oral summary of the recent Enabling our Academic Mission (“Enablers”) discussion paper which formed part of the UCL Strategic Plan 2022-23. The following key points were highlighted:
  - a. The Enablers paper responded to some of the needs, drivers and pain



ranking highlighted the significant efforts of Library Services staff in upholding services to students particularly throughout the pandemic.

- b. Physical lending had been declining for many years now, even prior to the pandemic, for a variety of reasons including an increasing emphasis on online resources. It seemed unlikely that there would be a significant increase in physical lending in this climate.
- c. The highest rates of lending continued to be found within the Main, IOE and Science libraries as in previous years.
- d. The popularity of the Student Centre was undiminished. There were some specialist libraries with lower figures for lending and occupancy, however these libraries were still valued by their communities and UCL; for example some spaces supported NHS trusts which UCL was committed to continuing to support.
- e. The next focus would be to look at the impact of returning more fully to face-to-face teaching next academic year and to see how this affects Library usage. It might prove necessary to look at whether there would be scope for consolidation over the coming years.

33.2. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. The Chair noted that the statistics showed the number of loans for each library and percentage of the total, however these figures did not take into account the size of each library and specialist support provided. The Director of Services (LCCOS) reported that prior to the pandemic, there had been some consideration given to a statistical profiling system taking these factors into account. This was a complex issue but one which could be explored further.
- b. It was suggested that one potentially useful set of data would be if there could be some measure of the approximate number of expected users of a given library from that specific

### **Part III: Other Business for Approval or Information**

#### **34. Project bidding in UCL Library Services (3-05)**

- 34.1. LC received the termly summary report on the Library's progress on project bidding applications.

#### **35. Minutes of Library Working Groups (3-06)**

- 35.1. Since the last meeting, LC had received the following minutes of Working Groups that report to LC:
- a. Open Science and Scholarship Committee – 6 October 2021 (Confirmed updated version since the version previously circulated at the Term 1 2021-22 Library Committee meeting)
  - b. Press and Publications Board – 11 November 2021
  - c. Bibliometrics Working Group – 9 February 2022
  - d. Press and Publications Board – 17 February 2022
  - e. Open Science and Scholarship Committee – 27 April 2022 (Unconfirmed)
  - f. Press and Publications Board – 5 May 2022 (Unconfirmed)
  - g. Bibliometrics Working Group – 19 May 2022 (Unconfirmed)

#### **36. Minutes of Faculty Library Committees (3-07)**

- 36.1. Since the last meeting, LC had received the following minutes of Faculty-level or Faculty Library Committees (FLCs) that report to LC:
- a. School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES) Library Committee – 20 October 2021
  - b. Faculty of Laws Library Committee – 13 December 2021
  - c. Built Environment Faculty Library Committee – 10 February 2022
  - d. School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES) Library Committee – 23 February 2022

#### **37. Date of the next meeting**

- 37.1. The next meeting would take place in term 1 2022-23 (date TBC). Following feedback from committee members, it was suggested that this meeting should take place in-person, and that the subsequent meeting in term 2 could take place online.

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