



## Library Committee Minutes – 7 February 2023

2.3. Arising from Minute 2.3, it was confirmed that a LC member had received the

include cross-institutional management and governance of collections to make their contents available both internally and to potential external funders.

- c. UCL had received funding from the AHRC and that whilst the Research Institute for Collections had been established for only 12 months it would be well positioned to develop UCL's collections culture. As such, contact would be made with relevant academic departments and faculties that hold collections in order to have established best practice with, for example, reference to compliance with the Human Tissues Act.
- d. The Director of Operations, UCL Library Services, Ben Meunier informed the LC that the Library and Special Collections had established its presence at UCL East in November 2022. Requests for extended opening hours had been made by users and funding for this had been made available by the LCCOS Budget Executive for this purpose.
- e. The Library and Special Collections facilities at UCL East were noted to have included learning spaces, and a 'click and collect model' for the delivery of collections.
- f. A group had been established to oversee the opening of a library at the Marshgate site in 2024, and it was anticipated that this would be a larger facility but provide similar services. The LC was informed that a launch event for the new library had been planned for September 2023.
- g. The LC was informed of an Oral History Bike shared with the School of Creative Industries that would be used to collect oral history material and provide collection development and outreach to local communities.
- h. Changes made to UCL Estates governance, oversight of UCL's estate, and budgeting were noted to have been made and would be included in UCL's Estates Strategy to be approved by Council at its next meeting. Key areas highlighted for expenditure were noted to be ones that LCCOS would be able to have aligned projects to and consideration of this would be made in the drafting of the Library's strategy.

3.2. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. The Chair requested that communication be made across UCL regarding the establishment of the Research Institute for Collections and its work.  
**Action: Dr Paul Ayris, Pro-Vice-Provost (LCCOS).**
- b. Whilst the Chair requested increased communications regarding the Oral History Bike in order to have emphasised its innovate nature; a member noted that oral history collections had been undertaken by a variety of organisations during the period of the Olympics in 2012,







and the right to publish and read. The costly nature of such arrangements, with a 40% profit for the publisher, was emphasised and identified as unpopular with institutions located in the global south. UCL Press's approach with alternative Open Access pre-print servers and journals, that provide Open Access, solid peer review, and reduced costs for subscribers, was therefore described as a long-term solution to the problems posed by commercial publishers and associated fees.

- b. The Chair suggested that, in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President (Advancement), advertising deals might be entertained by UCL's journals.

procedures for this purpose had been arranged, he would check to see that they included guest visits.

**Action: Peter Dennison, Head of Customer Service, UCL LCCOS**

7.3. LC approved the updated Library Regulations.

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

#### **8. Project bidding in UCL Library Services (2-08)**

8.1. LC received the termly summary report on