

**Committee on Library Provision in Classics**

**Minutes of the meeting held on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**In the meeting room, Sackler Library  
at 2.15 pm**

**Present: Robert Parker (Chair), Charlotte Goodall (secretary), Graham Piddock, Tabitha Tuckett, Guy Westwood, James Legg, Siobhan Butala**

Apologies: Josephine Quinn, Maria Stamatopoulou, Peter Barber, Renan Baker

1. The minutes of the Michaelmas term 2011 meeting were accepted.
2. Matters arising:
  - The committee welcomed Siobhan Butala, the new undergraduate representative.
  - Renan Baker will be stepping down as one of the graduate representatives. A new representative is required, and Aneurin Ellis-Evans of New College has been approached.
  - Serra Journals: Jo Quinn submitted a paper setting out an approach to the concerns raised by the increase in prices of journals published by Fabrizio Serra. The paper was accepted and the recommended journals will be cancelled. A letter will be sent to F. Serra, and publicised via social networks.
3. Electronic Resources update.
  - TLL and BTL online are now available, and links have been updated on OxLIP+.
4. Reports from Libraries
  - a) Bodleian Libraries
    - i. James Legg explained the proposal for the move of the History Faculty Library collections into the Bodleian Library. A consultation process is in place, starting with the faculties directly affected. There will be an impact on Classics, in that the solution that is most likely to be accepted would involve moving the Theology collections in the Radcliffe Camera into the Lower Reading Room. In order for this to work, most of the Classics journals will have to move to the Gladstone Link as per the original plans for the rearrangement of the room (apart from the specific titles that have already been earmarked to remain in the reading room), and the reference collection by the Main Enquiry Desk will have to move, probably to the Upper Reading Room. The main benefit of this move will be the possibility of Sunday opening of the entire Old Bodleian Library in term. Concern was raised specifically about seating capacity, as the Lower Reading Room is already very congested in term time. Planning will continue alongside the consultation process and the faculty will be kept informed of all plans as they are formalised. The need to maximise seating capacity and to maintain the shelf space allocated to Classics was stressed by the committee.
  - b) Lower Reading Room and Gladstone Link:
    - i. Gladstone Link: The new academic intake will be focused more onto specific Humanities material.

## c) Sackler Library

- i. Graham Piddock introduced a paper discussing the need for certain rearrangements of stock in the Sackler to ameliorate space problems. The paper had been presented to the chairs of all the interested CoLPs in 1<sup>st</sup> week, who accepted it as a sensible proposal. Weeding of material will start immediately and the librarians will approach individual academics for advice on specific titles for weeding.
  - ii. Scanner trial: two different scanners were trialled before Christmas but neither was acceptable. Another trial has been set up for this term.
5. Budget Reports: The Humanities Division has agreed that the budget for 2012/13 will be at 1% above inflation.
6. Undergraduate provision: There have been a number of requests from the undergraduate community for Sunday opening. This is something that the History Faculty Library move to the Bodleian may facilitate. A few undergraduates have raised the question of all bags being allowed in the Sackler. GP explained that laptop and small bags are now allowed but big bags are excluded for safety and security reasons, as well as for reasons of space. The question of extra copies of certain heavily used CLL titles was raised. CG said that specific titles should be communicated to her and she will take a view as to whether extra copies should be acquired or not. This led to a plea for Legal Deposit books held in the Sackler to be lendable.
7. Graduate provision: The “quiet” zones (no laptop areas) in the Sackler had caused some discussion. GP asserted that they are only on the LG and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, but still are appreciated by some readers. There has been a problem acquiring the Turkish serial Gephyra, which CG will investigate again.
8. College Libraries: TT raised concerns about pressure on reader spaces, especially in consideration of the proposed changes in the Bodleian. Students in our subject area use libraries a lot and value them as places to study.
9. Date of next meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012. CG. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012