

DARWIN COLLEGE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

A meeting of the Library Committee was held in No. 1 Newnham Terrace on Wednesday, 11 June 2014.

Those present were Dr Viejo-Rose (Fellow Librarian), Elisabeth Leedham-Green (College Archivist), Paul Anderson (Fellow), Espen Koht (Computer Officer), Anke Timmermann (Munby Fellow), and Eamon Callison (student representative).

1. Apologies were received from Jagjeet Lally (Finley Fellow), Gulay Bozkurt (Student Librarian) and Martina Kulvalja (Deputy Student Librarian).
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. The Minutes of the last meeting, circulated prior to the meeting, were approved, with an amendment being made by Elisabeth Leedham-Green noting that the display cases she had referred to in the previous meeting belonged entirely to the University Library and that none were there on loan from Darwin.
4. The Fellow Librarian reported on plans to have a 'publications party' in which Darwin members could put on display and celebrate their publications from the past academic year. Provisional dates of 12 July and 18 July were tabled. This led to a discussion on a possible virtual display and/or announcement system for publications by Darwinians.
5. The Archivist, Elisabeth Leedham-Green, reported that the 50th anniversary temporary exhibition is intended to go on-line. Espen Koht is advising Danielle Bradshaw as to the optimal platform for this. She reminded the Committee that the Cambridge Evening News gives the college free papers in exchange for news items from the College and that this arrangement should be better exploited.
6. The Student Librarian, Gulay Bozkurt, sent a report in advance of the meeting. The report details the purchases and donations, signaling that the 2013-14 CUP credit had been used on the acquisition of 18 books based on requests and recommendations of Darwin members. All requests made by students had been met and the Amazon account, used for the purchase of five DVDs had a balance of £68.71. Further items included a status report on the DVD collection that continues to grow and be used, the reclassification of books is still underway, and Vesalius indicating that the pages were turned.
7. The Computer Officer, Espen Koht, reported that the library had been very busy during the exam period, being used for study and for computer access and highly valued by students. He also reported that the new version of the website was within reach and suggested that the Library Committee would need to provide content for the relevant page; it was suggested that a 'news' item could be used to announce publications by Darwin members. The home page will include a section entitled 'supporting Darwin' with the amazon referral links. The library web pages themselves can include the option of donating books, more details on the Amazon scheme as well as a link to Newton. In the longer term the

committee may want to consider updating the system for taking out books to include RFID technology that could be combined with video to improve security and greatly simplify stock-checks.

8. As in previous meetings, the issue of shelf space in the study center was discussed. It was suggested that issues of the Reporter be consolidated in a single location, possibly one of the new seminar rooms being planned. Another idea tabled was that the back issues of National Geographic be placed in some of the guest rooms.

Addendum: On the day following the meeting, the Fellow Librarian and Archivist were approached by a Darwin alumna, Tania Elliott, offering to donate to the library part of her parents' collection of books. On 16 June, the Fellow Librarian, Archivist, and former Fellow Librarian (Margaret Cone) reviewed the collection on offer and made a selection of the books that were seen to be best suited for Darwin students and the Darwin Library as a whole. This raised the issue, once again, of the need for extra shelve space in the Study Centre.