Present: Niamh Tumelty (Chair), James Caudwell (JCS Team), Nicholas Cutler (Computer Laboratory), Joanne Farrant (JCS Team), Sue Lambert (Moore Library), Lynne Meehan (Engineering), Yvonne Nobis (Moore Library)

Apologies: Michael Williams (JCS Team)

1. Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2018 were approved.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Matters of interest from the UL

Joanne Farrant informed the Committee that Michael Williams, the new Head of Collection Development and Management had taken up his post on 4th February 2019 and that he had taken over responsibility for the JCS Team from David Wills.

5. Financial matters

Joanne told the Committee that the outcome of the Planning Round 2018 (FY 2019/20) was not yet known.

Even though there was no new needs money available for this financial year (FY 2018/19), it was still felt important to prioritise new needs. The plan was to take the most urgent of these to the Steering Committee at their meeting on 12th March 2019 to ask them to consider funding them from the current surplus.

6. Journals Working Group

Joanne noted that the final report of this group, one of the main aims of which was to consider a ‘Plan B’ in the event of the University deciding not to sign up to one or more of the major journal
packages (‘big deals’), was not yet available. The intention was to circulate the report, once available, to the consultative committees.

7. Open Access

(i) OCS Open Access update

Nothing to report.

Joanne reminded members that they could keep up to date with OA developments via the OSC’s newsletters (https://osc.cam.ac.uk/outreach/osc-newsletters).

(ii) Plan S

Niamh drew the Committee’s attention to Plan S, an initiative for Open Access publishing aiming for full and immediate Open Access to publications from publicly-funded research.

Further information was available via the Open Access pages on the OSC’s website (https://osc.cam.ac.uk/open-access/plan-s).

9. Prioritisation of recommendations

A list of recommendations had been circulated prior to the meeting.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed to put forward the following as priority titles to the Steering Committee:

- Nature electronics (£2,710)
- Advanced electronic materials (£2,750)
- International journal of rail transportation (£450 – depending on consultation/feedback following the meeting)

10. Dates of meetings 2018-19

Tuesday 14th May 2019, 12 midday, Comms Room 1, Aoi Pavilion, UL

11. Any other business

Times Higher Education Supplement. Joanne informed the Committee that the University had recently agreed to fund an online subscription to this, and that they had asked for faculties/departments/individuals to cancel their print/online subscriptions to it.