Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019
in Comms Room 1, Aoi Pavilion, University Library

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 26th February 2019 were approved.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Matters of interest from the UL

Biological Sciences Librarian. Sarah Crudge had been appointed to this post with effect from 2nd May 2019.

Entitlement Registry. CUL was currently participating in beta testing for the Entitlement Registry, a self-service tool created by Edina to provide a single place to upload and keep entitlement records.

The Keepers Registry. This service, funded by Jisc, providing information on the archival holdings of participating institutions e.g. CLOCKSS, LOCKSS and Portico, was due to be terminated 31st July 2019.

5. Financial matters

(i) JCS Financial position at 30th April 2019

Paper 19-3 ‘JCS Financial position at 30th April 2019’ had been circulated prior to the meeting for information.

There being no new needs money available this financial year prompted a discussion about cancellations as the only way to release funds.
**ACTION**: JCS Team to undertake some brief analysis of data and to put forward some suggestions.

(ii) **Planning Round 2018**

Nothing to report.

(iii) **JoVE (Journal of Visualized Experiments) – subscription options**

Sections currently subscribed to: Biology, Immunology and infection, Neuroscience. Total cost $11,330 + VAT ($13,596).

Further sections recommended: Bioengineering.

Following a recent trial of the sections relating to Biosciences, JoVE quoted for three options, reflecting the usage and feedback received during the trial. All at preferential pricing of approximately 35% of the list price.

Funding for one of these options could potentially be split between the JCS and the Accessions Committee. The Consultative Committee for Technology were in support of this approach, if the funding could be found and the other relevant consultative committees were in agreement.

**ACTION**: Yvonne Nobis to produce a paper to be circulated to the relevant consultative committees (Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences and Technology) via email.

6. **Journals Working Group**

The final report of this group was not yet available.

**ACTION**: Joanne Farrant to feedback that the Consultative Committee for Technology were anxious to see the report as soon as possible.

7. **Update on ‘big deals’**

At their meeting in March 2019, the JCS Steering Committee agreed to the renewal of Wiley and Sage for one year. Jisc had agreed an extension to the current deals to enable them to continue to negotiate transformative deals. The committee also agreed to the Nature renewal for three years.

With regards Springer Compact and American Chemical Society, the final terms & conditions and licence documents were not yet available and so the Steering Committee did not feel that they were in a position to be able to take a decision. Subsequently, following consultation with the JCS and OA Teams and Professor Greer, Chair of the Steering Committee, the University Librarian agreed the renewal of both of these deals, both for three years (2019-2021).

**ACTION**: Joanne Farrant to circulate the email from the University Librarian to the Steering Committee, informing them of the above, to the consultative committees.

8. **Open Access**

(i) **OSC Open Access update**

Nothing to report.
Members were reminded that they could keep up to date with OA developments via the OSC’s newsletters (https://osc.cam.ac.uk/outreach/osc-newsletters).

It was noted that the OSC would be holding an OA Update webinar on 17th July 2019.

(ii) Plan S

A Plan S group, headed by the University Librarian, was currently meeting on a regular basis. At their most recent meeting, held on 1st May 2019, the following were identified as being three key areas of work: data, principles around transformative agreements and governance of the JCS to increase academic engagement.

9. Prioritisation of recommendations

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

Funds available: none.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed to put forward the following as priority titles to the Steering Committee for consideration for purchase from the surplus:

- Rapid prototyping journal (£6,611) – dependent on feedback received from the Department of Engineering
- Nature electronics (£2,710)
- Advanced electronic materials (£2,750)

10. Dates of meetings 2019-20

To be advised.

11. Any other business

JCS database. It was noted that this would be migrating to Drupal, hopefully with the beginning of the new financial year, and that it should be easier to access/use than the current version. The information held in the current database would be archived.

Usage statistics. A new section had been added to the JCS web pages (http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/journals-co-ordination-scheme/jcs/usage-statistics-0). Contains usage statistics – for journals, databases and institutional repositories – and information about JUSP (Journal Usage Statistics Portal) and COUNTER5 (the new release of the standard for the provision of usage statistics by publishers). The JCS Team were discussing how to build visualizations from the raw data.