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UMT Library Strategy Group (LSG)

Purpose and Function

UCD Library supports the University strategy in the areas of student experience, education, research, innovation, and promulgation of Irish cultural heritage. It sits at the heart of the University providing a space for learning and engagement alongside access to thousands of information resources critical to both student and faculty academic success. The library also offers a range of innovative services and advanced technologies that support the student experience, teaching, learning and leading-edge research activities.

In 2021, UCD Library launched a new strategy for the period 2021-2025, with a mission to be a leader in enriching the student experience, to empower global engagement, and to act as an intellectual centre for the UCD community. UCD Library's vision is to be the library of the future, connected to and part of a global information infrastructure; connecting communities by providing an inspiring and inclusive environment for learning, collaboration and knowledge creation; engaged as partners in education and research; engaging as leaders in library service development and the curation and preservation of our shared heritage.

The Library Strategy Group (LSG) will provide strategic guidance for the Library, and review and make recommendations to UMT in relation to infrastructure, configuration, service and prioritisation to best position UCD Library to support the education and research mission of the University and to support its role as one of the nation's leading repositories of cultural heritage.

Terms of Reference

- Provide strategic input and guide the planning for the capital development of the UCD Library buildings, and in particular the major refurbishment of the James Joyce Library

- Provide strategic oversight for the development of UCD Library in relation to service, configuration and infrastructure for the delivery of the Library's strategy

- Provide strategic input with regard to growth and development opportunities for the Library including philanthropic, research and strategic partnership funding, as well as benchmarking and business case development

- Advise UMT on prioritisation, budgetary requirements and effective resourcing to support, promote and enhance Library service delivery

- Consider and respond to strategic issues referred to the Group by UMT relating to the Library.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed periodically as directed by the Chairperson and no later than the term of the current Library strategy.

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Composition

- Deputy President and Registrar, or nominee (Chairperson)
- University Librarian
- College Principal
- VP Research Innovation and Impact, or nominee
- Four faculty members within UCD nominated by the Registrar
- Director of UCD Estates - Campus Development, or nominee
- UCD Finance Office Representative
- Student Union Representative, nominated by President of Student Union
- Deputy Librarian

No single gender should exceed 60% of the membership. Membership will be reviewed periodically and members may be invited to serve for a four-year term.

The Group may establish, whether from within its own membership or otherwise, such working groups as it may think fit, to advise, report or undertake projects on any relevant matters.

Reporting Responsibility

The UMT LSG shall report to the UMT, generally in the form of minutes of the LSG meeting. Any items for decision by UMT will be highlighted as such and will be accompanied by the recommendation of the Group.

Conduct of Business

The UMT LSG shall meet as required and generally 4-5 times per year. The meetings shall be convened by the Chair with a minimum of seven days' notice of a meeting. Papers for the meeting will be circulated ahead of the meeting. The members of the Group may not nominate others to attend meetings on their behalf without the prior agreement of the Chair. The Group will be supported administratively by Library staff. The Chair may invite non-members to attend meetings as appropriate, for example to provide presentations or updates on specified agenda items.