UCD Library
Annual Plan
2014 -2015
Library Strategy and Planning

The mission of UCD Library is to organise the University’s information to inspire engagement and learning, to enable its use in promoting research and innovation, and to contribute to the preservation of Irish cultural heritage.

We are guided in achieving our mission by the UCD Strategic Plan and by the Library Strategic Plan. A summary of key developments 2013-2014 is available in a companion document.

Here we outline our particular developmental priorities for 2014-2015, which we hope to achieve in a challenging staffing and resourcing environment, alongside maintainence of our many ongoing services.

The Library Environment

We will:

- Continue to enhance and refresh our study spaces to meet changing user needs, as opportunity arises
- Improve seating capacity in the Veterinary Medicine Library
- Focus on stock management and collection weeding to maximise use of our spaces and relevance of our print collections
- Implement the Summon OneSearch resource discovery service
- Further develop our LibGuides online guide environment, increasing the title range and shifting tutorial type materials from our website to this platform
- Upgrade our main Library Management System to a new platform, Sierra

Collection Services

We will:

- Offer PDA (Patron Driven Acquisition) to users once again, allowing them to select items from the catalogue for purchase in either print or eBook format
- Go live with electronic theses submission
- Create a preservation policy for the Library as a whole
- Continue to develop UCD Digital Library, including implementation of a revised platform and database structure, implementation of GIS and OCR capabilities and going live with a new website
- Catalogue in Special Collections the Joseph Hassett, Quinn and Thomas Kinsella collections and catalogue a range of donations
- Increase the range of catalogued collections in UCD Digital Library and identify new collections for digitisation, in conjunction with both on-campus and external repositories
- Prepare a range of exhibitions based on identified themes
Teaching, Learning and User Services

We will:

- Implement self-service laptop loans at the James Joyce Library
- Extend self-service room booking to include individual study rooms and the Postgraduate Research Centre alongside the group study room online booking system already implemented successfully
- Offer the Leaving Certificate Study Scheme to school students once again
- Revise our Library Regulations in line with the Student Charter
- Progress the Library e-learning strategy, including collaborations with University partners
- Deliver our Welcome for new students at the start of the academic year and plan for the year following
- Publicise the results of the LibQual+ user survey and implement actions to address any issues raised
- Continue our annual cycle of small-scale targeted feedback exercises, with a focus upon particular user groups and their Library requirements
- Run a programme of themed Library Roadshows across campus during the year

Research and Innovation

We will:

- Continue to develop Research Repository UCD including extending advocacy, the range of materials included, the number of items submitted, seamless linking to other subject repositories and research networks, and exploring a software upgrade. These developments will facilitate the capturing of a wide variety of UCD’s research outputs, increasing visibility and impact, as well as ensuring compliance with funders’ requirements to deposit research outputs to an open access repository
- Continue to offer bibliometrics support to UCD’s researchers, Schools, Institutes, and also offer assistance and services around the use of social media to increase discoverability, visibility and impact
- Work with others to develop a coordinated cross-campus GIS service, thereby assisting students and researchers with increased opportunities to develop key skills in this area, relevant to a wide number of disciplines; and facilitating innovative insights into research questions, all of which will help to provide UCD with a competitive edge. The development of such a service will build upon the OSI’s MapGenie service, a new service that will be rolled out and promoted across the UCD campus
- Address the sustainability and governance of ISSDA (Irish Social Science Data Archive), creating an ISSDA Board and looking for funding to assure its future
- Continue to build relationships with business, through our Archinfo service; government bodies, public service and research organisations in the Irish and international sectors, through ISSDA; and links with Queen’s University Belfast, through the joint UCD/QUB PADDI database
- Commence a research data management service, in conjunction with key stakeholders
Organisation and Business Functions

We will:

- Set up a “Friends of UCD Library” committee
- Establish a Library Users’ Committee
- Prepare for the Library Quality Review in February 2015
- Organise and run a second Library Staff Training Day in January 2015
- Migrate the Library staff intranet to a new LibGuides platform
- Complete a Library-wide Emergency Response (Disaster) Plan
- Set up a Staff Development Standing Committee and staff development policy
- Conduct a review and make recommendations regarding inter-unit collaboration at Library Assistant level
- Implement an asset management solution for library hardware and software

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or comments on our Annual Plan.

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