For APRC
16th May 2013

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Amendment to the Student Representation System Policy

1. Purpose of Paper

APRC is asked ***to consider***, and, if thought appropriate, ***to approve*** an amendment to the Student Reps System Policy for effect from 2013/14.

2. Proposal

That the following paragraph is inserted as clause 6.5.8 (and all subsequent clauses renumbered):

A Subject Librarian shall be invited to attend each SSC at least once per year. Contact details of Subject Librarians can be found here:
https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/subject/index.aspx

3. Background

At the Student Reps System Advisory Board (SRSAB) meeting of 11 December 2012, the Director of Library Services presented a paper on library service attendance at School level Staff Student Committees (SSCS). One of the recommendations was that Subject Librarians should attend at least one SSC per year. This recommendation was accepted by SRSAB and it was noted that this would necessitate a change to the Policy. The above form of words was agreed by SRSAB at its meeting of 30 April 2013.

4. Arguments to Support the Proposal

The feedback mechanisms already in place give Library Services useful indicators on which to base service development and improvement. However, frequent, ongoing and meaningful dialog across all disciplines is vital for Library Services to remain responsive to users in a timely manner. It is vital that students in all Colleges have equitable access to their Subject Advisory teams through a formal mechanism, such as a SSC.