

## 2272: **Library Book Loans**

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### **Council Notes**

1. That the UEA Library has recently announced (11 September 2017) that students can now renew borrowed books an unlimited number of times unless it has been recalled/requested.
2. That undergraduate students can currently borrow a maximum of 10 books at any given time (unless in final year of study where this rises to 15 books).
3. That postgraduate masters/diploma/certificate students can currently borrow a maximum of 15 books at any given time.
4. That staff/PhD/M Phil students can currently borrow a maximum of 20 books at any given time.
5. That all students and staff have access to the extensive database of "e-books", journals and other online resources offered by the UEA Library.
6. That mature students and students with disabilities have approached school conveners on the Education Sub-Committee to highlight the challenges they've faced in not being able to borrow enough books to meet even the mandatory reading lists.

### **Council Believes**

1. That mandatory reading lists often exceed the 10 book maximum loan limit imposed by the university.
2. That some student groups such as: Mature students, students with disabilities, distance learners, students living off campus, or students facing financial difficulty, may have difficulty accessing the library and/or online resources.
3. That these student groups may also prefer or require physical copies of resources over online resources in order to be able to study adequately for assignments.
4. That the cost of printing online resources and restrictions of licenses means many students may be unable to print the required amount of resources to aid their learning.

### **Council Resolves**

1. To mandate the Undergraduate Education Officer and Postgraduate Education Officer to negotiate with the UEA Library to set up a process whereby students with extenuating circumstances:
  - A. Can have the limit to the number of physical resources raised in line with their needs,
  - B. Be given access to *free* printing for those resources not currently available in physical form in the library (particularly for those that

have not qualified for printing cost reimbursement from the Disabled Students Allowance),

2. To mandate the Undergraduate Education Officer and Postgraduate Education Officer to work with the UEA Library to review the limits imposed on students to see if they need increasing to meet the needs of all students and not those facing the above difficulties.
3. To mandate the Undergraduate Education Officer and Postgraduate Education Officer to review the progress of these negotiations and update Education Sub-Committee at each opportunity.