

# Acquisitions Goes Institutional

*OASIS Voyager Integration*

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- 30,000 students
- Materials budget: £2M, £300K
  - Monograph & one-off purchases
- Content & Development (ordering team 2 plus up to 6)
- SUPC/Coutts
- Streamlining /staff budget cuts

# Questioning the status quo

- Do we need an acquisitions module?
- Could we use the university's financial and purchasing systems instead?
- Could we outsource to our suppliers?
- Do we need a library ledger and funds?
- Could we obtain a fund breakdown from Agresso or our suppliers?

# Previous workflow

- Subject librarians
  - Forms, e-mails, annotated adverts, reading lists, handwritten notes
- Content & Development staff
  - bib checked and stock checked
  - selected from a range of suppliers
  - created order on Voyager
  - Approved order
  - EDI or sent printed order to supplier

# Current workflow

- Subject librarians
  - Fill “basket” on “**one**” supplier’s website
- Content & Development
  - Ratify
  - Import MARC records and EOD into Voyager
  - Approve orders
  - EDI orders back to “**one**” supplier

# Proposed workflow

- Subject librarians
  - Log in to the university purchasing system
  - Punch out to the one supplier
  - Fill the “basket”
  - Send the “basket” contents to Agresso
- Content & Development
  - Update Voyager/Alma
  - Check goods received, approve invoice on Agresso

# Consequences

- Less stock checking but better quality; onus on subject librarians to check
- Financial controls tighter on Agresso than Voyager
- Faster turn-round time
- Will require smarter feedback from supplier
- C & D less involved in the process as a whole but expected to deal with the problems
- Staff savings in Finance department

# Other changes

- PDF invoices ingested by Agresso
- Reduced staffing levels in C & D
- Contract & negotiation team
  - Ensure you get the most from the supplier
  - Dialogue, not just an SLA
- Reviewing the number of item types & locations
- Sourcing even more from the one supplier
- Trying to make less use of the credit card

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