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Quality Management @AUT University Library

Quality management at the AUT University Library has been an evolutionary process with many building blocks having been put in place since the appointment of a Planning & Quality Co-ordinator in 2006.

As there is no over-arching system of quality assurance in non-academic units at AUT, the Library has developed its own Library Quality Strategy. The Library Quality Strategy is concerned with assuring stakeholders of the quality of the provision of a range of administrative, teaching, and customer services. It should be noted that 'quality assurance' is often simply making explicit the processes that are already in existence but which are informal or implicit.

At AUT, we believe that quality is an organisational focus that involves:

- The planning, provision and evaluation of the delivery of services, and working practices
- Stakeholder feedback, and a continual concentration on improvement
- A co-ordinated and coherent appraisal of the relationships of and interactions between Library services and stakeholders

This paper will also discuss the tools that are available as part of the Library Quality Framework.

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