

IS Division Meeting Agenda – Friday, April 25, 2008 @ 9:00am.

Attending Jean, Dean, Diane, Mary Jane, Jan, Shirley
Excused: Michael - PLA Conference

1. Approval of minutes from 3/28/08 meeting.

Moved by Diane, seconded by Dean

2. Video update – Mary Jane

Got a DVD, had done everything except classroom, had to redone in playable format... but there was only 1 scene. She has been unhappy... they have not accepted any input other than script. Perhaps we won't pay them. Jose handed the project off to a student worker, does not seem to have been closely supervising it... no librarians have appeared, they are using all students as actors. On the positive side, they may know more about what will appeal to students.

3. Liaison program – Diane

Quarterly reports? Did not pan out because of technical difficulties with the online format. Ideas to make Liaisons more active are needed. New MPE standards for Liaisons need to be on the S: drive (they are more specific than old ones). We will plan a meeting of Liaisons prior to Fall Semester to talk about what we can and should be doing.

4. Library Skills classes for Fall – Diane

Too many for Spring, not enough for Fall. Best to aim too low and then add as demand dictates. Some could be online, with a certificate for completion at the end. Diane showed University of MN Libraries workshops, which are changed every few months. One for grad students, also non-traditional undergrads. Should we insist that students come to session with an assignment they need to complete? How could we make that happen? Need to work with faculty to get cooperation. Create a new general session just for lower-level undergraduates. Try to customize each class to the people who are there... But we need to keep control of the process; don't want to go back to being babysitters. Jean and Diane are willing to work on something like that, possibly using Open Source software such as Moodle. Something meaningful, that would require them to think... take a test to be sure they really learned something. If we had it online, we could potentially get the University to require all Freshman to take it; could be done through WebCT, plus would meet the needs of many off-campus/online students.

5. Tutorials on the Library homepage – Diane

There are things that need to be updated or removed, for example the Library Orientation: needs to be removed or fixed (consensus is to remove). Also need to have materials put on the web, everyone in IS needs to review, then announced to LIBSTAFF so everyone can use. Move citation guide to home page? (Carol will try to get Chris to agree to that). From now on, everything that gets added to IS pages will be reviewed in IS meetings, and we will be reviewing what is already up there to see what needs to be changed or removed. Diane is going to send to LIBINST a list of everything that is up there already and we will review.

6. Current status of reference statistics – Dean/Diane

Diane distributed a spreadsheet covering the month of March; BTW, be sure to record the questions that the student assistants get too when you are at the Reference Desk. Need to have a way of counting Reference stats all over the Library, not just at the desk... also need to be counting Reference Desk stats at the Circulation Desk, and will start by May 1st.

7. Computers in Libraries Conference reports

Mary Jane (especially wikis)

--Netcopia... generates wikis....<http://www.netcopia.net>... could use to create our subject pages.... however, it would make us dependent on an external service...plus, the more options you have available, the more confusing it is to students. Could switch our subject pages to LibGuides... Diane says would cost us \$1200/year. Could be used for online bibliographic instruction, can create quizzes in ProProfs.com, another free service.

Diane

Penn State presentation, Temple University switched all their guides over the LibGuides... went to a presentation on Information Commons, way for libraries to investigate ways to attract students, and libraries are still creating Commons, so the idea is not dead. Druple: open source software to create websites... virtual reference sessions, American University sent her their procedures for doing IM reference via Moodle...have spent about \$1500 to advertise and market, incoming freshmen get little gift from the Library.

Jean

--got lots of hints and tips of things she would like to check out.... still working on IM thing, still hoping to do it. All easy to implement. Yahoo Pipes to manage RSS feeds, someone used to create virtual reading rooms.

8. Other business?

How to account for Library equipment? Should these materials be checked out from the Circ Desk? EBSCO is updating their webpage, Jean went to their presentation, will start in July. Should warn LIBREF about this, get link to EBSCO 2.0 and send it out.

REMINDER: Next meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2008