Library Council
University of Toronto Central Library System

Annual Report of the Instruction in Library Use Committee
for the period September 2006 – August 2007.

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Submitted by
Sheril Hook, Chair, January 2006-

Membership. The Instruction in Library Use Committee is a Standing Committee of
Library Council, with members appointed by department heads to serve one-year terms
with the possibility of reappointment. Membership includes staff from Central and
campus libraries with direct responsibilities for library instruction. Members elect a
chairperson annually. Membership this past year included:

Members during reporting period:

Jeff Newman (Robarts Reference, ex-officio)
Sara McDowell (Robarts Reference, ex-officio, on leave 2006-2007)
Mary Roddy (Robarts Reference, ex-officio)
Jenny Mendelsohn (Robarts Reference, ex-officio)
Carla Hagstrom (Gerstein, ex-officio)
Cris Sewerin (Eng. & Computer Science)
Alison Girling (Victoria College)
Elena Prigoda (Gerstein)
Suzanne Meyers Sawa (Music)
Marian Press (OISE)
Chad Crichton (UTSC)
Elaine Tamura (UTSC)
Sheril Hook (UTM, Chair)
Nalini Singh (FIS INFORUM)
Amy Beaith (Dentistry)
Jack Hang-Tat Leong (East Asian Library)
Richard Carter (St. Mike’s Colleges)
Laine Ruus (Data, Map, and Government Information Services)

Summary

ILU Committee continued to promote information literacy and cooperation
among campus groups serving student research and learning needs. The
committee has continued to build cooperation between staff involved in library
instruction and staff from other units on campus, including Writing Centres,
Counselling and Learning Skills Services, Academic Skills Centre, Teaching and
Learning Services, and Office for Teaching Advancement. Additionally, the
committee continued to work with the Library Staff Development Committee to
present professional development opportunities for library staff involved in instruction. The committee met on a monthly basis, with some meetings added or subtracted on occasion as event planning dictated.

**Subcommittees Created and Membership & Procedural Changes**

- Struck a subcommittee, chaired by Sheril Hook, to address a request from Joan Leishman, that we identify libraries involved in providing instruction to undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty. We solicited the following information from librarians about their instruction sessions: how many sessions they had taught, course number/title, and category (i.e., supplemental instruction, integrated instruction, embedded instruction). (report attached, submitted by Sheril Hook). *Completed work and disbanded as a subcommittee of ILU.*

- Struck a subcommittee, Rita Vine agreed to coordinate the effort, to address instruction issues and opportunities for using Blackboard, the new campus-wide LMS and Portal. (report attached, submitted by Rita Vine). *Completed work and disbanded as a subcommittee of ILU.*

- Struck a subcommittee, chaired by Jeff Newman, to evaluate the online tutorials created by Robarts to determine if ILU would maintain them. *In progress.*

- Created a space, under the leadership of Elaine Tamura, for ILU committee documents on the Staff Intranet and have posted all documents there (back to 2001). (copy attached of the home page for ILU)

- Updated membership, adding two new appointed members: Jack Hang-Tat Leong and Laine Ruus.

**Professional Development Opportunities**

1. **December professional development workshop**
   - with financial support from the Staff Development Committee

   **Clare Brett, Professor, OISE**
   
   Friday, 1 Dec 2006, 9:00-4:30 p.m.
   
   **Session Title:** Online Learning and Online Learners.
   
   Attendance: approximately 50 library staff

2. **A&S Curriculum Review & Renewal Committee**

   **Joan Leishman** reported on her role as a member of the A&S Committee. ILU had an open meeting, inviting librarians from across campus to attend.

   Attendance: approximately 35 library staff

**Initiatives with Campus Partners**

1. **Writing Plus Academic Skills Workshops**

   September – October 2006
Alison Girling and Gail Nichols worked with Woodsworth Writing Centre to provide research and writing workshops. Sessions were advertised through Woodsworth and distributed across campus. The research components of each session were worked into the sessions on developing writing skills. These were drop-in sessions that were well attended—sometimes there were more participants than terminals.

**Outreach**

1. **UofT Office of Teaching Advancement and Learning Symposium**
   **ILU Participation October 30, 2006, Toronto, Ontario:**
   “Accessing the Community of Knowledge: Engaging Students to Become Information Literate” /Office of Teaching Advancement, Teaching and Learning

**Other Activities**

- Initiated 10-minute sharing sessions during our meetings. For each meeting, 1-2 ILU members signed up to discuss an instruction initiative at their libraries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheril Hook, Chair, 2007