

MINUTES, INSTRUCTION IN LIBRARY USE COMMITTEE MEETING,
FEBRUARY 14, 2006
2nd floor conference room, Robarts

Present: Sheril Hook (Chair, minutes), Elaine Tamura, Jeff Newman, Carla Hagstrom, Elena Prigoda, Alison Girling, Sara McDowell, Fran Sardone, Nalini Singh, Richard Carter, Margaret Fulford.

MINUTES: Committee members approved the minutes of the January meeting with one modification that the first informal workshop scheduled for February 15 was postponed to the March meeting due to the TLG meeting having already been scheduled for February 16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which has been administered at UT and will be again this spring, now includes 4 information literacy-related questions in the experimental question section. These questions were developed by an ACRL task force.
2. Two proposals were submitted on behalf of the ILU committee to STLHE conference to be held this summer. Both proposals were initiated by Sara McDowell. ILU members contributed to these. One proposal was for a roundtable, the other for a poster session. We should hear in March whether or not they have been accepted.
3. Jeff Newman and Pia Russell (Robarts Reference) have had a paper accepted at LOEX 2006 in Baltimore (held in May).
<http://www.lib.umd.edu/loex2006/changingneeds.html#needs>
4. There is a First-Year Experience conference to be held in Toronto in late July. Paper proposals are accepted until March 26th: <http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/international/>

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Library Research Papers from Start to Finish (Jeff)
 - a. Jeff Newman, Cris Sewerin, Richard Carter and Robin Sakowski were involved in the presentations.
 - b. Attendance this year was way down even though same advertising mechanisms were used. The low attendance may have resulted from the venue (Gerstein). Jeff booked Robarts for next year: room 4049 of Robarts Library.
 - c. Some students indicated to Barbara Rose (Writing) that they had not attended these sessions because they had attended the Academic Resource Community (ARC) workshops instead. Jeff looked into this and has contacted Brock (Writing Centre) to see if the St. George librarians can participate in the ARC series b/c they address writing and research. The ARC series is coordinated by the St. George College Writing Centres "to provide this campus-wide series of academic skills workshops to the University's entire student body." (from
http://www.wdw.utoronto.ca/docs/pdf/ARC_Brochure.pdf

2. refinfo@list.library.utoronto.ca, ilu-list@list.library.utoronto.ca. Jeff compared the subscribers of both lists. Only five people on ilu-list are not on refinfo. He will check with these five people to see if they are comfortable subscribing to ILU. If so, we will add them to refinfo and eliminate ilu-list. The committee agreed that when messages from the ILU committee are sent out on refinfo that we should indicate that they are coming from the ILU committee.
3. TLG and role of ILU (Sara). Discussion ensued about the overlap between TLG and ILU and the uniqueness of both groups. Committee members agreed that the turnout to TLG meetings indicates interest/need for these. Concern was expressed about the number of meetings people are attending and a need to minimize this. Members discussed reducing TLG meeting to 1xTerm. Members agreed they liked the randomness and the variety in dates/times, whereas ILU is locked into a time/date. TLG attendees at the February 16 meeting will address this overlap as well and ILU will discuss this again at the next business meeting in April.
4. University of Northampton visit in May (Jeff). Jo Webb and Chris Powis of The University of Northampton will be in the Toronto area the week of May 15. They are both award winning teachers. Jeff will coordinate the communication with them. They will be invited to attend the ILU meeting to “see how we work.” Nalini will look into the option of having them speak at “This Thursday at FIS.” Alison will check to see if there is an exchange program between UNorthampton and UToronto. All ILU committee members are invited to submit to Jeff a description of their library/departamental information literacy initiatives so that he can present to the UNorthampton visitors a variety of choices. From these, they can select based on interests and time constraints. Please submit your descriptions by Friday, February 17, 2006.
5. Informal workshops begin in March
 - a. Nalini will prepare an announcement for the series and the first workshop (Sheril will send info regarding first workshop to Nalini). The announcement will include an RSVP so that we’ll know how many handouts to bring.
 - b. Sheril will book a room for the March and April meetings
 - c. Carla will upload material & announcements to the website
 - d. A tentative schedule of topics/dates was produced (and sent out already to the committee)
6. Statement of *Information Literacy Instruction Outcomes for Students & Faculty* (attached doc) (Sara/Jenny)

Committee members agreed they wanted to defer this discussion to the next ILU business meeting since neither Sara nor Jenny were present to provide more information regarding purpose, which libraries it is intended to represent, etc.

7. Find an expert: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/bluebook/> (information literacy)
It was noted that currently if you type in “information literacy” you will find the expert to be the former Coordinator of Instructional Services at UTM Library (Patrick). Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of this service and who might be the contact. Should there be one person or several people from different libraries (by campus, by subject?). Richard will investigate how to delete Patrick’s name from the database since Patrick is no longer employed at UofT and will look into what the requirements are for submitting a name to the database. Richard will report on this at the next ILU business meeting (April)