

Committee Minutes, February 21, 2007

Instruction in Library Use Committee University of Toronto Libraries

First half was an open meeting, second half was a regular business meeting

Present: Sheril Hook (chair), Elaine Tamura, Nalini Singh, Jeff Newman, Jack Hang-tat Leong, Elena Prigoda, Suzanne Sawa, Richard Carter, Cris Sewerin (minutes), Joan Leishman and Rita Vine (guest speakers). Many other librarians also attended the first half.

1. Update by Joan Leishman on Arts & Science Curriculum Review and Renewal Committee (A&S CRRC)

Joan Leishman, Coordinator, Education and Curriculum Support and Director Science Library provided an update on the review process to date, subcommittees, membership, and progress being made with a special focus on information literacy (IL). She made some recommendations on the role of ILU committee and librarians:

- inventory all ILU interventions related to A&S;
- participate on a joint A&S-Library committee, and finally,
- individual librarians work with departments and programs to incorporate IL.

She emphasized the importance of collaboration with colleges and college librarians, pooling of resources, and multiple approaches. Her powerpoint handout which is attached to these minutes provides more details. Also attached is a document written by Joan "Comments on CRRC - Draft Synthesis (December 2006)" which was sent to the Chairs, and a document written some time ago by Sara McDowell, Sandra Langlands and Jenny Mendelsohn called "Information Literacy Instruction Outcomes for Students and Faculty" which Joan distributed during the CRRC process and found very useful in helping non-librarians understand IL.

2. Update by Rita Vine on Blackboard

Rita provided background on the Library's involvement in the Blackboard (Bb)UofT 3 year roll out, now completing it's first year. Rita represents and promotes the Library's needs on the main Implementation Group committee, and also coordinates and promotes capacity building among librarians. Rita encouraged involvement in the Bb Library Interest Group and in the bblib listserv, which currently has over 70 subscribers. Both these mechanism help to generate ideas, provide feedback and opportunities to learn. There is a test course and any one is welcome to join and learn by becoming a course builder - just contact Rita. There is a handout "Good practice building" which you can get within the test course.

On e-reserves, there is a 'proof of concept' project at the moment which is testing different types of reading lists. Nine libraries from three campuses are involved and they will finish by mid-March.

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There was some discussion on how to get the library into Bb. Rita distributed the draft "Getting the Library into Blackboard in a hurry" which is attached to these minutes. She welcomes feedback and that can be sent to the bblast.

Second half of meeting:

3. Minutes of last meeting: were not available.

4. No announcements

5. ILU web page

Elaine Tamura continues work on this. It is up but not live yet. Minutes will be arranged by year. Terms of reference will link to LC page. There will be a reports area and a membership list. A picture of the group will be posted. Elaine was thanked for all her work so far.

Some suggestions:

- add a general statement on ILU's purpose
- add Chair's email address
- add link to Sara's/Jenny's/Sandra's document; Jenny will check on how to credit the document
- add link to collaborative activities such as Bb working group

5. Subcommittee to improve IL central library pages at <http://content.library.utoronto.ca/robarts/reference/ilu>

Jeff Newman reported on progress. At first meeting members divided tasks. Discussion ranged widely and included issues such as the role of research guides, creating examples that reflect multicampus locations, role of Web 2.0, and how to prioritize our energy and staff resources. The group will continue to meet and will invite WAG, ITS, and Bb input.

6. Sheril Hook reported on results from the NSSE survey on student engagement.

UofT has run the survey in 2004 and 2006. Questions go to 35 universities in US and Canada. Sheril will post the results. They can be used for benchmarking.

7. Next meeting

UTM Library, March 21 2007.