

LAUC-SD Mentoring Committee
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Created in April of 2005, the Committee's original charge was simple: to find library student workers and staff who might be interested in pursuing librarianship as a career, and match them with established librarians who could help them explore that goal. Our group decided to adopt much more ambitious goals, which included inviting speakers to campus and hosting round-table discussions. The committee created the application form, defined the roles and responsibilities of the mentee and mentor, and put out calls for applicants.

The actual results of the committee, including the last year, are more in line with the original, straight-forward charge in that we have matched library staff with mentors but have not sponsored any events. However in the past year a group was formed to create a presentation on librarianship for the Career Center, so their counselors could accurately advise students on library careers. This event is expected in the Fall of 2007.

Also in the Fall new members will be added to the Committee and the last two original members (excepting the LHR rep, who remains) will rotate off. With this fresh start, the committee can look again at its goals and decide whether they are realistic, and what the best course for this program would be in the near future.