LAUC Research and Profession Development (R&PD) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2005

Attending: Harold Colson, Tony Harvell (Co-Chair), Arvid Nelsen, Adolfo Tarango, Jeff Williams, Marlo Young (Co-Chair)
Absent: None
Recorder: Arvid Nelsen

I. Future of the laptops
- It was reported that R&PD currently owns three (3) laptops, one of which is quite old.
- All of the laptops are said to be in need of software upgrades, most likely in the areas of security, and network connectivity, and the establishment of Active Directory.
- Tony reported that Mary Lynn is no longer able to house and service the laptops, having lost her DSSL.
- Tony further reported that when asked about usage, Mary Lynn stated that laptops were used once or twice per year at most. NOTE: this was confirmed by Sue McGuinness in a subsequent phone call.
- After discussing possible options and costs of continuing to house the laptops, especially at a time when librarians who give presentations are often able to get laptops instead of desktops as PCs are replaced, the Committee decided to recommend retiring the laptops.
- Tony will bring this recommendation to the LAUC Executive Committee at their next meeting, Thursday Dec. 15, 2005 to ascertain next steps.

II. Purchase of a speaker device for web conferencing
- A proposal was put forth that R&PD purchase a conference speaker phone for broadcasting the voice component web seminars.
- The rooms in which web seminars are held are not equipped with conference speaker phones.
  - To date, conference speaker phones have been borrowed from departments that own them.
- It was noted that most rooms are also not wired so that conference speaker phones can be broadcast over the rooms' speaker system.
  - In the past, microphones have been placed over the conference speaker phone to achieve this result.
- Broadcasting over the speaker systems was identified as the current crucial issue, rather than access to conference speaker phones when needed.
- Rather than being responsible for equipment, the Committee decided to recommend upgrading wiring in library rooms (Room 276, the Suess Room) so that webcasts can be broadcast over speaker systems.
- The cost of a conference speaker phone similar to the one in Acquisitions is about $800.
- The Committee will continue to borrow conference speaker phones when needed.

III. Invite other Scholarly Communications speakers to speak to Librarians
- Susan Starr has asked if R&PD would be interested in hearing from other upcoming speakers in the Scholarly Communication Series being presented to the faculty.
- The Committee decided to extend to all of the speakers an invitation to share with the Library staff their ideas and the reactions they have received from faculty.

- o In the event that speakers accept the invitation, R&PD will arrange for a room, provide refreshments, and announce the event.
  - o The Committee acknowledged that due to their schedules and demands, some speakers may chose to decline the invitation.
- Tony Harvell has a list of the upcoming speakers and the dates of their visits.
- Arvid will draft the Committee's response to Susan and forward to Tony and Marlo before submission to Susan. Jeff suggested including a question such as: "What do think the role of librarians can/should be in changes to scholarly communication in your field?"
- The suggestion was also made that R&PD sponsor a parallel speaker series on scholarly communication for the Library staff.
  - o This idea was met with general approval.
  - o The Committee will see what the response is from the other Scholarly Communication speakers.

IV. Brown bag lunch details
- The LAUC R&PD "Lunch with the Winners" brownbag lunch will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the Seuss Room.
- All of the awardees from last year have been invited and asked to bring the posters they developed with funds (when appropriate – a good many of the awardees were participants in poster sessions).
- R&PD is supplying beverages – iced tea and lemonade.
- Tony sent out an announcement and will send out a reminder tomorrow (Tuesday, Dec. 6).

V. Co-sponsor Digital Dialog 1/17 on Wireless Communication
- R&PD has been asked if we would be interested in co-sponsoring a Digital Dialog on Dec. 17, the topic of which is in respect to improving campus communication with wireless technology.
  - o Co-sponsorship would entail providing refreshments.
  - o The Committee agreed.
- The Committee was also asked if it would be interested in sponsoring a web seminar on The Hollywood Librarian.
  - o Committee members seemed interested, but some question remained as to whether it was educational.
  - o The Committee decided to see if we had a month with no programming and that we might sponsor it as an informal program.

VI. Other Business
- Jeff suggested that the Committee sponsor a "Meet the Authors" program akin to the "Lunch with the Winners" or the former "Breakfasts of Champions."
- The purpose would be to get UCSD librarians who have recently published or who will soon be publishing article and/or books to speak about their experience, finding a publisher, etc.
- Committee members agreed that this be a February program. A call to the membership will be made to find recent authors willing to discuss their experiences.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 11-12, Technical Services Conference Room
Respectfully Submitted,
R. Arvid Nelsen