

LAUC-SD R&PD Committee Meeting
January 10, 2000
Special Collections Seminar Room

Present: Jim Church, Lynda Claassen, Joanne Donovan, Christy Hightower (chair), Karen Lindvall-Larson (recorder), Nancy Stimson
Absent: Susan Jurist

Agenda

1. Update on local grant procedures

Brian has given his approval for us to change the release form and procedures as requested in Christy's letter of 12/10/99 to Barbara Slater. Nancy will review the procedures and release form and make changes as appropriate. Jim will add the revised documents to the Committee's website.

2. Budget update

Christy requested that the fund names be changed to "Librarians' Research Funds" and "Librarians' Professional Development and Program Fund." Cathy Cabulio will be the monitor for our funds. Christy has requested detailed budget reports because we question the assertion that two of our funded projects went over budget. Line-item reports should show us in the future when and if this happens so we can verify if it is an accounting error or not. We will get reports on a quarterly basis as they are generated for Cabinet. We discussed fund activity and specific issues involved. There was a sense that the Committee should tend toward leniency if people exceed their budgets somewhat, unless the charges are incorrect.

3. Programs

The program on Friday January 7 was a rousing success, thanks to Jim's efforts, the excellent presentations, and the fact that it followed another meeting in the Seuss Room. There were 22 in attendance. We discussed the refreshment expenses for the next Hot Talk (\$70) and decided that we should get the speakers reserved parking spots at \$10 apiece.

4. Program ideas

Lynda will follow up with Brian on a date in February for him to present the research he completed in 1999. Nancy recommended that we contact the woman who will be teaching a session on marketing libraries at the SLA conference, she will follow-up. Jim suggested that we contact Jim Jacobs to talk about the work he is doing with Data Warehouse some time next year.

5. Research projects

Jim mentioned the possibility of a project to digitize historical San Diego city plans. Lynda said there are funds to digitize materials in the Library budget and suggested he ask Jackie Hanson for information on what is available.

6. Defining and encouraging research

The Committee discussed a number of issues. We agreed that scanning projects could be funded for research about digitizing or for digitizing a research project's results for dissemination on the Web. Finding time to do research seems to be the biggest barrier. Karen mentioned the leave with pay option that is available to librarians under sections 758 and 740-94 of the APM. When is creative work seen as research? Research brings new insights that are helpful to colleagues and/or patrons. How closely tied are we to the research guidelines at the state level? Jim will get the URL and we will review them. Christy will follow-up with a librarian colleague at UCR who claims to have gotten a sabbatical leave from UC.