

LAUC R+PD
2pm – 3pm
October 22, 2008
SSHL Research Services Conference Room

Minutes (in blue)

Present: Dan, Kari, Patrick, Susan

Absent: Holly, SuHui

Recorder: Victoria

Announcements: None

Discussion

1. Thoughts that R&PD might consider (Kari)

1. I was thinking that beyond LAUC – SD or LAUC funded research that we (librarians) should promote ourselves better by posting on our website an annual list of UCSD Libraries' librarian publications/presentations. This list could also serve two other functions:
2. Establish a standardized mechanism to reach out to these known authors to suggest/remind them to add their materials to the UCSD Libraries e-scholarship depository.
3. Send the annual bibliography to Dolores Davies so that, as Director of Communications, she has information easily at hand to use to promote UCSD Libraries' librarians.

Kari suggested that it does not necessarily have to be LAUC sponsored research. The SSHL Annual Report triggered her to think about listing publications and presentations by librarians. A link would work. It is a way to promote libraries and ourselves as librarians. In other words, to toot our own horns, to make it more evident that librarians contribute and are productive. We agreed that even community presentations could be included.

All concurred that the challenge would be how to centralize this. Suggestions included wikis and web guides. The bio-bibliography form would be one good source of data. The form is being updated currently. Information on this form is partially confidential, including personnel and salary.
ACTION: We will wait for this year's review files and see how the new form works. We agreed to hold off and revisit in December.

2. Speaker idea

Kari suggested a possible speaker/seminar she thought was very interesting and applicable to the UCSD Libraries. Stephanie Weaver is San Diego based <http://experienceology.blogspot.com/> She recently taught a full-day session (outline below) for InfoPeople. If it seems interesting to us, maybe we could invite her to come to the UCSD Libraries and talk about improving library experiences for our users. Not necessarily full-day, but something. See Handout for more details.

Kari had spent some time on Weaver's website and her blog. All agreed that it would be both fun and useful to have Weaver give a workshop. The workshop would provide ways to help us discover ways to provide great experiences to our users. And since Weaver is based in San Diego, it would be very convenient. We thought a half-day or less-than-a-full-day workshop would be more workable for the UCSD Libraries. Dan said getting a critical mass to attend would be helpful. All agreed that we could benefit from the various steps of users' experiences, and we will likely get something unique out of the workshop applicable to any setting.

Susan questioned whether this would be limited to librarians or open to every library staff. Kari said that usually these are open to all. Kari would contact Weaver, ask about the cost, and discuss with Katie. The timeframe will likely be in Spring.

Kari also suggested that we could try the administrative route with the strategic plan in view. For example, we could learn how best to invest in the digital signage system and avoid any pitfall. We would want to get it right the first time.

Patrick brought up the fact that Phyllis was hired after her retirement to work on space planning. Her report has not been disseminated however. Since Kymberly works for library administration part-time, maybe she can represent library administration in the workshop. In the meantime, perhaps some LAUC-SD members would come up with something to do with space, for example, a survey on how people like our library space. And Joanne from Facilities would also benefit from the workshop.

Since Weaver resides in San Diego, we do not need to provide lodging and travel funding. Kari thought the speaker cost might be negotiable since Weaver does not seem that big yet (in her blogs), and she seems to be looking for opportunities to speak. Patrick suggested that we can consider giving specific issues to her in advance.

ACTION: Kari will contact Weaver for more information and details.

3. Research Workshop

Last year R&PD held two successful workshops on generating research ideas and the procedure for submission. Let's talk about whether we want to repeat this next month at the Nov. 18 LAUC meeting, and who wants to coordinate.

Dan reminded that LAUC – SD meetings are now two hours long, where the second hour can be used by whichever LAUC – SD committee. The next LAUC – SD meeting is on 12/9. Potential workshop dates include 12/9 and 12/11. The workshop will still be in two parts. If it were to take place on 12/9, we need to schedule a 5 to 10 minutes break between the general meeting and the workshop.

Between now and the next R&PD meeting (which Dan will schedule), Dan asked us to look at the materials on the P drive. Sections and examples can be swapped out.

Kari noticed that many people have research ideas but always say they have no time. So the questions arose as to how we can help people solve the time problem and create time for people to formulate research projects. Kari suggested a block of time in a reserved room, like a writer's workshop, where

people can concentrate and be uninterrupted. We would provide support if they are serious about project proposals. Dan added that cookies and coffee would help. Kari commented that this would be a good opportunity for librarians to talk about ideas but have not done much with them. It is also a good way to build camaraderie among librarians and to build a sense of community as librarians.