

MILEX Meeting – January 16, 2020

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Loyola University Maryland Columbia Campus, Columbia, MD

Present for MILEX Business Meeting: Gina Calia-Lotz, Andrea Copland, Sarah Crest, Melissa D'Agostino, Chris Drolsum, Christy Floyd, Stephen Ford, Shana Gass, Sarah Gilchrist, Mike Kiel, Maria Koshute, Laura Lipke, James Parrigin, Jennie Ray, Anne Reinecke, Elizabeth Schlackman, Bria Sinnott, Lisa Sweeney, Brandy Whitlock

Open House social gathering took place over breakfast and coffee

Joanna Gadsby (UMBC) gave a presentation on **Relational Practices and Library Instruction**. Her presentation slides can be found on the MILEX Website under "Past Events"

July 26, 2019 meeting minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

Note: October meeting minutes were not available and will need to be approved at the next meeting.

Spring Conference

Topic will be: Assessment in the Age of Framework. Brandy Whitlock the conference planner, and already has ideas for a keynote speaker.

Reminder of June/July meetings (Brandy)

Mike Kiel is the planner for the June planning (topic: bag of tricks).

Also remember that elections are in June, so if you are interested in running, please put your name forward and come to the June meeting. The officer positions available are: Chair, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, and Webmaster

Sarah Crest & Simmona Simmons are the planners for July (topics: building relationships with faculty)

Opened the floor to questions, especially from new/visiting members:

- Do we report to anyone else? Independent non profit! (Used to be to USMAI but cut ties years ago and finally no longer financially linked either)
- Are meetings always on Fridays? This is especially hard for those from the Eastern Shore...we are flexible! Can discuss different days for next year
- How many community colleges are represented? 6!
- Peer observations? Has been brought up in the past - can be very helpful! Especially for those at small institutions. Cross institutions could also be very beneficial, especially across community colleges & four years.

- The tricky part is scheduling
- In the past there was a list of those who wanted to be observed - Gina remembered Jo coming to observe her once
- Can we add column on membership list? A yes/no question if you want to be observed - then those who want to do the observing could just contact those that say yes. Could also list what subjects you teach in (Melissa could add this to website). Brandy will make a doodle poll or something to collect responses and then Melissa will get it up on the website
- Could also be a nice thing to market to new members especially library school students
- Could provide resources too - tips on what to look for, observation form to fill out, etc.
- Film our classes for others to observe without travelling? FERPA: have to get permission from all students or blur them all out and whatnot so it is tricky

Programming

- What kinds of programming would you like? Issues coming up in your work? What are you struggling with?
 - How do you design an info lit plan? Outreach plan to individual department, college wide, etc. How do you define your table of offerings; liaising - want to hear from those who have done it well; hear from those that work
 - How librarians adapt to meet diverse student needs (UDL)
 - How we can have better partnerships between 4 year institutions and community colleges - beyond individual things but those that are planned in and nurtured
 - Developing open access infrastructure for sharing toolkits and whatnot; resource sharing
 - Online learning - objects, adjusting approach
 - Innovation as a team within an institution, logistically, how do you propose innovation and come to decisions with your colleagues
 - How to standardize instruction (but also not be a cookie cutter) - balancing standardization with innovation
 - How you incorporate who you are into the classroom - leveraging your personal strengths to make instruction work for you; bring outside life/hobbies into your teaching
 - Reflective practice
 - Value in framework/threshold concepts
 - Personal mission statement; elevator pitch - why you are doing what you're doing and how to articulate that to faculty and students; how it changes with context (favorite idea for future)
 - Research and publishing - how to get started - how to turn what you do into a publishable thing - IRB

Announcements

- Should the Assistant Treasurer position be eliminated?
 - Have had both positions for a long time, one reason was because all the money was managed by USMAI and that required co-signing on everything, but now that we have all the money ourselves so do we still need a second treasurer? Or just a co-signer? A treasurer in training?

- One reason it's good to have 2 people is for accountability (just in case one steals all the money and runs to Mexico it would be helpful to have a second person with access to the accounts) That second person could be the Chair though
- Will discuss further in June with respect to the elections
- Mike Kiel's June Show Us Your Tricks (to maintain your sanity, avoid burnout)
 - Mike will be traveling a lot in April and May and would like to swap with Sarah Crest to do July instead
 - Had been scheduled for June 19th but there's a conflicting conference so we'd like to move it to June 12th
 - Sarah said June 12th is her bday so she'll swap as long as there's cake! Mike said he could also bring homemade ice cream
 - Sarah G said UB is able to host
 - 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; June 12th; 4th floor room with view of downtown (versus dark basement)
 - Format: imagining lightening talks to hear from the most number of people; shared knowledge wall where we could all post tips and tricks in passing; Yoga instructor mentality in teaching (breathing etc)?
- Do we recycle lanyards and name tags from conferences? Yes! Lisa tries to collect as many as possible at the end of each meeting to reuse at the next.

Adjourned at 2:42