

MILEX Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2008
10AM – 12 PM
Cook Library, Towson University

Present: Sharon Casey (CCDC-Dundalk) ; Susan Cooperstein (Loyola/Notre Dame Library); Sarah Crest (TU); Stephen Ford (SU); Uta Hussong (JMBC); Sara Nixon (TU); Ginny Polley (Villa Julie); Randy Smith (Goucher)

The minutes for the September 7, 2007 meeting were approved.

Report from the Chair

Sarah Crest

- Georgia Conference –
 - K-16 focus on the promotion of information literacy with an emphasis on collaboration between teachers and librarians
- After a discussion initiated by Sarah, the decision was made to have an area on the MILEX Web site with links to upcoming conferences that might be of interest to members
- Sarah and Sharon Casey will work on a MILEX poster for the next annual MLA Conference , May 14 – 16, 2008
- P-20 Information Literacy Subcommittee's use of MILEX wiki
 - Articulation from one level – they have some core material
 - Not necessarily things that they have developed, but also links to resources
 - Our wiki has 10 megabytes of space, so we need to know exactly what they plan to put up
 - There was discussion of putting these resources on our Web site rather than on the wiki
 - MILEX members agreed that it would be good PR/marketing for us to support these materials on our Web site
 - Stephen will communicate with Patty McDonald to find out more about what the P-20 group had in mind
- ACRL has updated their Standards for Proficiencies for Instruction Librarians and Coordinators, which can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/profstandards.cfm>
 - This will be an agenda item for our next meeting
- Sharon Casey initiated a discussion of IL courses taught by librarians, as she has been asked to develop one at her school
 - SC encouraged her to go for a 3-credit course because otherwise it won't transfer
 - SC also said that Thomas has been working on something similar at UB
 - SC talked about collaboration between Nursing and librarians
 - It was noted that IL standards pop up in various settings in institutions of higher education and are often vague
 - Often computer skills and IL are confused and/or intermingled

Conference and Program Updates

- Assessment Workshop - *Susan Cooperstein, Uta Hussong*
 - Financials, as reported by Uta

- Registration: \$ 720
 - Food costs: \$ -493.75 (to date)
 - Honorariums, supplies: \$ -131.15
 - **NET: \$95.10**
- We gained 7 new members
- As a comparison, we netted ~ \$793 for MILEX 2007 Conference
- Workshop evaluations reported by Susan (Evaluation summary is attached.)
 - Participants wanted to see more of what others were doing than they did and would have preferred more time for discussion
- Susan will send all available presenters' PowerPoints to Stephen to be posted in the members only area of our Web site
- Susan recommended continuation of the discussion of assessment in upcoming MILEX meetings
- Conference 2008 –
 - Person sought out as luncheon speaker is used to receiving \$3000 - \$4000 honorarium
 - It was recommended that we speak frankly to him about our financial state and ask if he would be willing to come for \$2000
 - It would require partnering with another organization to support funding for a nationally recognized speaker
 - Sarah Crest will contact someone in DLDS and on the P-20 Subcommittee and Uta will check with ARLD and report back to the group through E-mail in a month, by Friday, February 15th

Treasurer's Report

Uta Hussong

- The balance in our account as of 1/17/08 is \$1778.85 (not including yet to be determined bank fees)
- UMS charges back to us for payments made online – Uta will check to see exactly how much we are being charged
- Discussion of whether to move away from the Foundation and to another service provider such as PayPal, as USMF gives no support
 - The downside is that there is not problem with tax issues because of USMF educational status, we might run into problems otherwise
 - It was noted that even though there are “issues” with the current arrangement, all things considered, the benefits might outweigh the problems
 - Uta will check into the miscellaneous charges that we are paying to USMF and we will discuss this in relation to switching “banks” at the next meeting

Spring Program

- Collaboration, Gaming, LibGuides.com – research guides for your students
 - Ginny spoke to this – LibGuides. com, which hosts the guides that might consist of resources geared to a particular course, like a Web page,
 - Very easy to set up, but a drawback is that the format is not very flexible
 - Ginny agreed to do a presentation with a colleague on LibGuides at our next meeting in March

Spring Calendar

- Next meeting – March (USM Spring break is March 17th – 21st)
 - Friday, March 14, 2008, 10 a.m. to noon – UMBC or Timonium (Timonium is it!)
 - As noted above, Ginny will present on LibGuides,
 - It was suggested that attendees could bring a copy of online or other evaluation forms that they have used
- Stephen is using TurningPoint- clickers software – Agreed to do a presentation later in the Spring
- Susan mentioned that the Assessment Workshop committee is willing to do a follow-up on assessment

Other

- Marianne Laino has asked (through an E-mail to Sara) if anyone in the group has used a dedicated or wired podium for their teacher's workstation –
 - Susan noted that Loyola has one.
 - Stephen mentioned that Salisbury also has touch technology, though not in the library
 - Sarah Crest says that UDC has great technology

The general meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 14, 2008, 10 am – noon, at Loyola Graduate Center at Timonium. Parking is free. Directions: <http://graduate.loyola.edu/graduate/about/timoniumcampus.asp> (at the bottom of the page)

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Nixon, MILEX Secretary

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