

MILEX Committee Meeting
Friday, March 16, 2007
10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Harford Community College

Present: Thomas Arendall-Salvetti; Sharon Casey; Susan Cooperstein; Sarah Crest; Stephen Ford; Sean Henry; Lorraine Martorana; Michele Meisart; Sara Nixon; Virginia Polley; Regina Rose; Brandy Whitlock.

The minutes for the February 2, 2007 meeting were approved.

MILEX at MLA

Lee, Gina, and Sarah Crest will take care of publicity for MILEX at the MLA Annual Meeting in May.

MILEX Conference

Reminder: Biennial conference committee for 2008 is Susan, Ginny, Randy, Uta and Sara.

Sarah Crest passed around notebook for MILEX Conference. It was decided that June isn't a good month to hold the annual conference. It was agreed that Fall is a better time. Want to expand to 100 participants and eventually to 150. Need concurrent speakers, facilities, lunch. Aim is to make this a collaborative effort among librarians, faculty and instructional designers. It was recommended that we have a biennial conference, which would allow more time for organization. However, it was also noted that MILEX needs to be involved in projects that keep us "visible" in between conferences. The suggestion was made that we should do little workshops. However, when planning we need to check around to make sure that our events don't conflict with events offered by other groups that might attract the same audience. An example is Goucher's Conference on Teaching and Learning, entitled "Learning Styles: From Theory to Practice", which is being held May 30, 2007.

It was noted that conferences/workshops need to be scheduled in locations that are centrally located. Biennial (not same year as ACRL) and workshops, at different times so that we have something to offer up for the future.

A vote was taken and passed proposing that MILEX sponsors at least two events: A biennial conference beginning in 2008 (to occur in years opposite to ACRL and ½ day workshop in the alternative year.

Preliminary Planning for the Conference

- Check Uta's report for details of last year's conference
- Need to nail down a theme
- SC has a mailing list for PR
- Need a large room and break-out rooms, hopefully for only a nominal fee. Would like to keep it below \$500
- Committees for the Fall, 2007 workshop and 2008 Conference need to keep notes and file a final report

Fall Workshop

Proposed annual MILEX workshop will be Friday, November 9, 2007, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

- Workshop committee: Sarah Crest, Stephen, Michele, Sharon .
- We will cap the workshop at 25 participants.
- Susan will check Columbia and Timonium to see if we can charge.
- Possibility of setting up an interactive conference at different sites?

Some possible programs:

- Stephen is doing Soaring for Online Learning to teach faculty to convert to Blackboard.
- UMUC Libs 150 people might be enlisted to do training.
- Ginny talked about Goucher – Blackboard simulation in the computer classroom.
- The idea of the Lurking Virtual Librarian - Librarian/Faculty Collaboration – how librarians can be involved.
- Stephen suggested what we can do for the students, what we can do for the faculty. How can we help you?
- Assessment of information literacy – Beth Mulherrin, Susan reviewed SAILS, ETS, - as an in between
- Pedagogy for digital teaching whether enhanced, hybrid, or online.
 - Technical person to answer questions on course management.
 - Elements might include lurking librarians.
 - Using course management software for instruction, collaboration- showing faculty the options.
 - IL pedagogy in an online setting- how to use the technology to do it.
 - Supersize your online course (?)

New Business

Discussion on what content should be included on the MILEX Web page. Update it quarterly? Continue this discussion during the next meeting, which will be held Friday, June 1, 2007 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Ort Library at Frostburg State University, hosted by Sean Henry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Nixon
Secretary, MILEX
26 April 2007