

MILEX Meeting – June 20, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Howard Community College, Columbia, MD

Present: Gina Calia-Lotz, Sharon Casey, Sarah Crest, Melissa D'Agostino, Shak Dhanesar, Pamela Flinton, Shana Gass, Sarah Gilchrist, Mike Kiel, Gergana Kostova, Sarah Sheehan, Simmona Simmons, Lisa Sweeney, Brandy Whitlock, Lee Wisel

Business Meeting

Treasury Report from Mike Kiel:

- Taxes are due May 15th
- We have a new account at M & T Bank
- Still working on 501©(3) status over the summer
- We lost money on the spring conference
- We need to decide how we want to spend our money
- We need to discuss whether to raise membership fees to cover inflation
- We have 30-40 members currently

Discussion about terms of membership, when election should take place.

Mike suggests "candidates shall submit their nominations by May 31, to be elected during the annual June meeting." Officers will be elected by majority vote of the members present at the June meeting. Term of office shall be July 1-June 30.

Keeper of forms: membership, etc., should be job of Secretary.

Sarah Crest says she has the only good copy of the MILEX logo. Has it on a flash drive, and also on hard drive at Towson. Should think about better ways to store it.

Edits to By-Laws:

Strike "Maryland" from "Mission."

Article III: second paragraph, edit "open membership to the wider community..."

Article IV: "MILEX is open to librarians and individuals interested in information literacy."

Article VIII: Treasury. Legalese for the purpose of making sure we have legal standing, and to make sure MILEX remains in good financial standing. Make "organization" lower case. Strike "unless approved by the membership."

Adding sections numbers: 1, 2, 3, as labeled.

Discussion if how often MILEX meets.

Article IX section 2: other meetings shall occur regularly throughout the year.

Article x: Move this article to "Membership, article IV". Change X to Fiscal Year. Wording, "the MILEX fiscal year shall be July 1-June 30."

Article XII: strike out "in writing"

Article XIII: strike "in writing".

Article XIV: strike "in writing"

XIV: paste stuff from IRS, then add MILEX will decide to which organization to forward funds.

Sarah G. moved to approve bylaws, Brandy seconded.

Candidates: all officers except Stephen Ford have re-nominated themselves.

Brandy Whitlock nominates herself to run for Webmaster office.

Information on candidates will be available at July 11 meeting to vote.

Presentation

Sharon Casey, Dundalk CC, presentation on "Alternative Assignments." Presented to faculty activity done in Eng. 101 and 052 (transitional studies), and also for MADCP. Worked with librarian Gretchen Wright – "Out" program. Opening "horse" activity showing how students can be frustrated by assignment instructions. Presented assignment ideas that promote information literacy, other than research papers, which faculty could use in their courses.

Program Planning

Possibilities for Fall and Spring Programs:

Have the chairs of the *ACRL Framework for Information Literacy* to come visit? Brandy: Learning dispositions might be difficult for librarians to wrap their brains around, so that might be something to focus on. Sarah C.: let's do a day called "Framing Information Literacy." Focus on dispositions - how do you examine that with students? How do we assess? Subtitle?

Claire Holmes went to assessment conference where there were some great people.

Gergana suggested we partner with ACRL-MD for programming. ACRL-MD gets one free speaker.

Discovery tools? Have they changed your teaching? Rosie from LNDL used (she's moving). Overwhelming nature of discovery tools. Sarah C: why can't we force discovery tools to have a way to make limiters stick throughout a student's search??? Why do we buy the tools when we knew they were bad when we saw them?

E-books? "The good, the bad, and the ugly." Are they being used? What do students want? Some want a print copy. Sarah C. suggests perhaps we can have a discussion in the fall, before the program.

How do we communicate the wealth of info in the tools we're buying. Format is an artificial construct, and students can spot this from a mile away. We are transitioning to everything online, but work that goes into publishing different formats/source types differs. Possible conference title: "Format -- WHAT?!?!?"

OERs.

Value of Academic Libraries -- Megan Oakleaf

NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) module for libraries
AiA (Assessment in Action)

Cost of education

Students not prepared for college. NY state, the three T's: K-12 teachers and librarians together with academic librarians and teachers.

Common Core

Difficulties with accommodating schedules of teachers. Dinner with MILEX???

Need to come up with dates. Looking at end of October/early November for fall program.

Fall Programming Ideas:

E-books, What?

- Content versus medium
- Learning outcomes
- Threshold concepts
- Evaluating online resources
- OER – Open Educational Resources
- Good, bad, ugly versions
- E-readers
- Tech divide

Spring Programming Ideas:

ACRL Framework

- Invite Guest Speakers
- Claire knows speakers
- May partner with ACRL MD to promote or pay for speakers
- "Framing Information Literacy"

Brainstorming Ideas:

- ACRL framework
- Discovery tools
- E-books
- Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Values for Academic Libraries
- NSSE Library Module
- Unprepared Students
- K-12/ University/ Community College Summit on libraries and the Common Core
- Dinner with MILEX
- Department of Education – Information Literacy definition and values
- Conversations with faculty – What do faculty want? What do students need?
- Embedded librarians and faculty

Decisions:

Partner with Gergana and Natalie Natalie Burclaff /ACRL-MD for fall. Simmona and Mike will coordinate that program. Topic will be ebooks, discovery tools, and format in general.

Could probably get business meeting in for late September, early October. Meetings w/discussion.

Spring program on ACRL Framework. Sarah will talk with Greg. ACRL March 25-28, Easter April 3-5, so maybe early to mid-March.

Bring calendars to July meeting. Mike and Jason will talk about AIA. Julie Nanavati might be available to discuss Framework - Brandy will ask.

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm.

Seconded.