

SLIS School Council
September 30, 2016
1:30pm to 3:00pm
1-17B Rutherford South

Present: Katie Bartee, Nicholas Fonseca, Kim Johnson, Margaret Law, Michael Maier, Michael McNally, Tami Oliphant, Hanne Pearce, Aman Powar-Grewal, Dinesh Rathi, Toni Samek, Ali Shiri, Allison Sivak, Frank Tough, Lynne Wiltse, Adam Worrall, Dangzhi Zhao

Minutes: Sophia Sherman

A. Approval of Agenda

Approved. Motion to approve: Katie Bartee, Seconded: Tami Oliphant. All in favour.

B. Approval of Minutes

Approved with amendments. Motion to approve: Adam Worrall, Seconded: Aman Powar-Grewal. 4 Abstentions.

C. Chair's Report – Toni Samek

The Alumni Association Celebration Brunch was held September 24th. Heide Blackmore was honoured with the LISAA Distinguished Alumni Award and Louise Reimer received the LISAA Honorary Alumni Award.

We may have a spring school council meeting. Curriculum review is next year.

Toni acknowledges the SLIS team, exceptional performance from faculty, staff, sessionals. Dr. Randy Wimmer, Interim Dean has been very supportive of SLIS.

We have the highest number of grad students across all UofA graduate programs. We have 11 indigenous students in the program.

Thank you to Dr. Frank Tough, he will be teaching a one credit course for us November 18-20: LIS 596 Archives, Research and Reconciliation: Litigation of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in Canada. Kathleen De Long, Acting Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, hosted a get acquainted party at the Faculty Club and it was a great event.

We hired Dr. Keren Dali, July 2016. She will be teaching a new pilot course in winter 2017, called LIS 598 Information and Libraries in the International Context and teaching LIS 580 Contemporary Theories and Practices of Reading in spring 2017.

We hired Angela Pollak, Postdoctoral Fellow. She presented a research paper about "Information Poverty and Resilience" on September 28th. She is currently teaching LIS 503 Reference and Information Services this fall term. She will organize a teaching symposium for us in May. Marjorie Henderson is the new Communications hire. Shannon LaFave hired as learning facilitator for eClass support and online pedagogy. Pilar Martinez, CEO of EPL is a new Adjunct with the school.

We have approval from the Dean's office to post for another faculty member for July 2017. The advertisement will go up before December holidays 2016. Incredible support from the Dean's office. The Senior Administrator position has been moved to an academic staff position (APO). Nancy Evans will be in Aman's position on a secondment, she starts next week. Sophia has a new role, Financial and HR Administrator.

Faculty of Education rolled out a new exit survey, Alvin Schrader was hired by Education to develop this survey. Survey results are always posted on our website. June 2016 survey was the first one that reported on our online students. We are now rolling out our employment survey and these results will be posted to our website.

The committee on accreditation replied that everything is in order. Next accreditation for SLIS is 2020. Strategic planning for UofA, we are in alignment with it and we will develop our own strategic plan in 2017-18.

Our practicum course has moved online.

The Dean search committee has begun for the Faculty of Education. Dinesh Rathi is on that committee.

Variety of scholarships. Facilities work, bathrooms have been renovated, SLIS entryway facelift, offices have been refurbished on 3rd floor.

D. Report from the Associate Chair – Ali Shiri

Online orientation was held August 24, 2016 with a half hour of question and answer period. The on campus orientation was on August 31. We had a formal feedback process for both orientations. Report on SLIS students statistics for September 2016 (attached). The school has been working on an online platform for LIS 600 Capping.

E. New Business

1. Amendment to School Council Committee Terms of Reference (attached)

Strike out reference for CLA for non-voting members under section 5. Need to reflect APO change from previous Senior Administrator position. Section 2.e, change Senior Administrator to Assistant Chair, Admin (APO).

Motion to approve changes recommended to terms of reference for School Council, Academic Council, Admissions Committee, Curriculum Committee, Scholarships and Awards Committee. Motion to approve: Nicholas Fonseca, Seconded by Ali Shiri. All in Favour.

F. Scholarship, Awards, & Bursary Committee Report for 2012-16 (attached) – Michael McNally

As of July 1, 2016 Adam Worrall is the new Scholarships Chair. We have \$25,000 of award money to distribute.

Adam: We do have 4 more scholarships for online students but they need to go through academic council and school council.

G. Reports from Representatives/Liaisons

1. Hanne Pearce (GELA):

GELA continues to serve as a social outlet for LIS professionals in Edmonton. We have a prison subcommittee that does excellent work at local institutions to help the incarcerated gain access to information. We are facilitating a mentorship program that includes SLIS / MacEwan University tech program students.

2. Katie Bartee (LISSA):

LISSA has re-written bi-laws to include online students. Online students can now join and their fee is 50% of on campus fees. FIP conference went well in February and it was streamed online for online students. SLIS has its own radio show.

Toni: Big appreciation for LISSA doing this work.

3. Nicholas Fonseca (ARMA):

ARMA Canada conference was held in Halifax. Review of competencies project, a large task force of reviewers. Nicholas would like to add the SLIS program into the competencies for ARMA to enhance the education. Looking to offer a student membership, this is being reviewed right now.

4. Frank Tough (SLIS Adjunct Professor):

Libraries are the core of universities. Frank is teaching a course this fall term called "Archives, Research, and Reconciliation".

5. Allison Sivak (SLIS Liaison Librarian):

UofA libraries is hosting the workshop on instruction in library use. There will be many volunteer opportunities for students and faculty and for presentations to be submitted. There will also be workshops.

Toni: Congratulations to Allison for completing her PhD.

6. Michael Maier, Associate Dean, MBA Program (MBA/MLIS): Fantastic quality of SLIS students so far and would like to see more.

Michael McNally: We have a video on our website re MBA/MLIS students.

7. Kim Johnson: Public library network unit, she does resource sharing. Secured funding for libraries to serve on reserve populations. In February hosting a symposium for libraries serving indigenous communities. EBook project, to make 1000 titles available into eBook. Continue to work on libraries to provide services to the handicapped.

H. Other

Allison Sivak (SLIS liaison librarian) reminding online Professors that UofA library staff is very interested in supporting online students.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm