

**Attended:** Gerald Beasley, Gooneshwaree Beesoon, Jennifer Branch, CJ de Jong, Robert Desmarais, Nicholas Fonseca, Judy Kovacs, Margaret Mackey, Kyle Marshall, Michael McNally, Tami Oliphant, Dinesh Rathi, Toni Samek, Sophia Sherman, Ali Shiri, Carol Tonhauser, Tatiana Usova, Dangzhi Zhao **Minutes:** Grace Jamieson **Absent:** Anna Altman

**A. Welcome Approval of the Agenda**

Removal of item 2 under new business (deletion of LIS 536)

Margaret has item to mention (H: Other Business)

**Motion Carried MOTION** (Jennifer Branch) Seconded by Nicholas Fonseca

**B. Approval of the Minutes**

Margaret noted that she attended the last meeting (Oct 23/13) and should be added to list of present.

**Motion Carried MOTION** (Jennifer Branch) Seconded by Tony Samek

**C. Chair's Report**

SLIS hired Carol Tonhauser in May 2014 as the Educational Developer. She was hired to support faculty, sessionals and students with technology in online courses. She is also working on current and developing new online courses.

SLIS held a 2 day retreat on May 22 & 23. Main discussion was around the online program and how it will run parallel with the on campus program. Advisors will be advising both online and campus students. This program is different delivery mode but still ALA accredited. Follow all requirements that COA requires.

Question was asked if online students are done yet. It was explained that it's a part time program and that students who started in Fall 2013 will be completing in 2016.

Ali explained that students get communication via email through the listserves (online & on campus students)

Jennifer shared that most students in the online program are taking 2 courses per term however, this could change from term/term.

**D. New Business**

**1. Changes to LIS 505 – Dangzhi Zhao**

Request to change course title and course description. (*see attached*)

**MOTION** (Dangzhi Zhao) Seconded by Jennifer Branch

All in Favor

## **2. LIS 598 - Special topics course Cultural & Memory Organizations**

This will be a pilot course and when and if this course goes permanent we will relook and make modifications if needed.

**MOTION:** (Dangzhi Zhao) Seconded by Jennifer Branch

All in Favor

## **3. Changes to LIS 600 – Capping Exercise**

Calendar change to revise/update description to include program level learning outcomes in response for COA.

**MOTION:** (Ali Shiri) Seconded by Margaret Mackey

All in favor

*Action Item: Check with CTL to see how far after students graduate does information stay on eClass or Mahara.*

### **E. Report from the Graduate Coordinator-Ali Shiri**

Online Program/On Campus: Stats and charts were displayed to show breakdown of students in the program. Ali provided a map to show what city the students are from. Gender distribution and also age. Provided previous degrees. *(see attached)*

Question was asked if the online program was introduced due to budget issues. The addition of the online program was a move for demand. The admission requirements standards are equivalent to the on campus which is quite high. There were no admission exceptions made with any of these applicants.

This is the first MLIS online program in Canada. The only competition we have now is with the US online program. Not sure what the applications will look like down the road since there are many layers to consider.

*Action Item: Add a question to the exit survey. Why did you choose the online program over the on campus?*

## **F. Report from the Scholarships Committee – Michael McNally**

MLIS/HUCO student was a recipient SSHRC Master's Bombardier  
MLIS student was a recipient of the Ivy Thompson award  
4 SLIS based winner for the QEII  
1 MBA/MLIS QEII from Business dept

Most awards are for full-time students so SLIS is looking at rewarding on line students with scholarships. Jennifer will be working on terms of reference to move forward with awarding part-time online students.

## **G. Reports from Representative/Liaisons**

### **Library & Information Studies Alumni Association (LISAA) – CJ de Jong**

Celebratory Brunch was a huge success. This where they recognized the recipients of the 2014 Library and Information Studies Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award –Sandy Campbell and Sharon Marshall.

They didn't receive any nomination for Distinguished Alumni Award and the Honorary Membership. This is to honour those who have made significant contributions to the library profession, the School of Library and Information Studies, and/or the advancement of knowledge. LISSA suggests that recognition should come from the SLIS department.

Student Scholarships (both new and continuing) have been the same amount for years so they are looking at increasing the endowment to therefore increase the award amount.

### **Library & Information Studies Student's Association (LISSA) – Kyle Marshall**

Orientation, which was done in collaboration between SLIS and LISSA, was a success. Feedback has been gathered and will be implemented for next year.

Recruitment is now complete and we have a full complement of new students who have been elected to our Executive. Celine Gareau-Brennan has been elected as Vice President, and our first Online MLIS Student Reps will also begin their terms soon. These Online reps will have a major role in shaping LISSA's evolution to support and represent Online MLIS students.

LISSA also held its Welcome BBQ, with roughly 40 students in attendance, and will host its first Bagel Day soon, featuring Sarah Polkinghorne from UofA Libraries discussing presentation skills.

Subcommittees continue to be active, and the Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom have particularly strong volunteer numbers. Partners Week placements are finishing up, and the Forum for Information Professionals is commencing their work planning this year's conference.

### **Library Association of Alberta (LAA) -Tatiana Usova**

#### *LAA membership for Students:*

The students will automatically get a two-year complimentary membership. End of October/beginning of November students will receive a welcome letter telling them about LAA. If they don't want it, they have an option to opt out from the LAA emails. The student rate for Alberta Library Conference (Apr 30th – May 3rd, 2015) is only \$60

#### *Survey on the LAA Advocacy Role*

Advocacy survey was launched in September 2015. Within a complex advocacy environment, it is important for the LAA to come to a clearer understanding about the role LAA can and should play in advocating for Alberta's libraries. The objective of the survey is to reflect on the LAA's end goals and on who we advocate to at the provincial level. For those who did not fill out the survey, we invite you to do so at the [link](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/967KF8T): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/967KF8T>.

#### *Education Institute (EI) and [CEC](#) program*

LAA invite SLIS faculty to think if they want to offer any webinars as part of a [EI](#).

#### *Collaboration.*

LAA is open to collaboration on various projects with SLIS Faculty and LISSA.

### **Arma Canada - Nicholas Fonseca**

May 2015 [ARMA](#) Conference in Calgary Westin- Call out for speakers.

Dr Shiri will be speaking to their chapter on Tues Oct 14. He thanked Dr Shiri for this. Board is looking to do a lot more than just the ARMA conference. To attract new speakers. Free membership option as well - Friend of Arma. [armaedmonton.com](http://armaedmonton.com)

### **Vice Provost & Chief Librarian UofA – Gerald Beasley**

Launching an Indigenous Online Internship Program. Ali mentioned there is one student in the online program that may be interested. Bruce Peel Library expansion--hoping it will be starting in 2015 to give more room for special collections.

**Other Business:**

Margaret sent an email to all students that she's retiring and this is her last year as a fulltime faculty member. She will be part-time starting July 1- 2015. Dean has agreed that Margaret will be teaching 2 courses in Winter 2016 & Winter 2017 only.

**Motion to adjourn:** Kyle approved & Nicholas seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm