

UALC Professional Development Meeting Minutes February 12, 2008

Attending In Person at the Eccles Library

Jeanne Le Ber (UU-Eccles), Melanie Egbert (SLCC) and Colleen Eggett (USLD)

Attending via Skype/SkypeOut

Erminia Chao (BYU), JaNae Kinikin (WSU), Linda Jones (Dixie) and Denise Reid (CEU)

Not able to attend: Pam Martin (USU) and Linda Stephenson (UU-Quinney)

Agenda:

1. Needs assessment and where we go from here

Jeanne asked for input on the needs assessment survey results and will do an “executive summary.”

Survey results indicate that respondents favor online as well as in-person training programs or events; one day workshop and links to online training opportunities; that mentoring the next generation of library leaders is very much needed despite concerns about the job market; that respondents are concerned about how librarians are going to thrive and stay afloat and reinvent ourselves in the 21st century.

Based on what we learned from the survey results, our committee should be able to move forward with specific programs to address professional development needs at academic institutions.

2. James Mullen as a keynote speaker

Joyce Ogburn (UU-Marriott) and Randy Olsen (BYU) talked to Kory and Jeanne at the UALC Directors meeting Feb 1. They would like to see our committee sponsor a one-day workshop focused on the 21st Century Library and the future of academic libraries in August or September of this year.

More information related to this: the last two years UU, BYU and USU sponsored a 2-day (2006) and a 1-day (2007) program for the research institutions. Joyce and Randy would like to extend this kind of program to all academic libraries in Utah. James Mullen is someone Joyce believes would be a good keynote speaker and set the tone for the all day event. We might consider panel discussions, hands-on workshops, other speakers, activities, etc. (We can flush this out!)

Colleen mentioned that the Public Library has sponsored a **Library of the Future** program in SLC the past few years and perhaps we could identify speakers or model our event on their event.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Linda has a list of other potential speakers we might consider.
- Jeanne will talk to Kory and send an invitation to James Mullen (or ask Joyce to send?)
- Based on Mullen's response, set a date and reserve facility; begin planning process

3. Laura Bush grant

Colleen Eggett encouraged the committee to consider applying for a Laura Bush grant. The award ranges from \$50,000 to a million. The grant deadline is Dec 15, 2008; there is about 2 weeks worth of work to fill out the application (20 pages) and there is lots of detail. The Laura Bush Grant funds professional development opportunities and UALC would provide the broad institutional support that is needed for this grant.

Some ideas for grant focus:

- focus on a statewide academic learning program
- develop online learning activities
- sponsor a program to promote the development of leadership skills
- How to become an academic library director? (practical skills development [not theoretical])

ACTION ITEMS:

- JaNae suggested two good books as background:
 - Making a Difference: Leadership and Academic Libraries by Peter Herson and Nancy Rossiter
978-1591582915
 - The Next Library Leadership: Attributes of Academic and Public Library Directors by Peter Herson, Ronald R. Powell, and Arthur P. Young 978-1563089923
- Call a working meeting to look at the grant requirements and application form. (Who wants to volunteer?)

4. Google Calendar impressions

Pam Martin sent an email saying that the Google Calendar seems to be working well. **Pam encourages all UALC PD committee members to advertise this calendar to their work colleagues.** Pam will add her contact information on the calendar so that people from outside the committee could suggest calendar additions.

5. Staff Sharing Form – deferred

Jeanne will talk to Linda and Rama.