

Council on Libraries Meeting

December 8, 2005

Attending: John Crane, John James, Bill Hickey, Mikhail Gronas, John Scott, Barry Scherr, Teoby Gomez, Cynthia Pawlek, Jeffrey Ruoff, Eric Tou, Harold Frost, Bob Graves

1. Introductions of those attending.
2. Minutes of the November 17, 2005 were distributed and approved on a motion by Bill Hickey with a second by Teoby Gomez.
3. Susan Fliss, Director of the Library's Education and Outreach Program, presented information on some of the initiatives of that Program. Susan discussed how Librarians support faculty and students in new approaches for learning and expression through these various initiatives.

Writing Program – support for the Writing 2, 3, 5, 7 courses with respect to a library research component and the identification and evaluation of types of information sources. Susan engaged the Council members in a brief exercise with examples drawn from a variety of sources to illustrate the points being stressed in aspects of these courses.

Curricular Computing – the Council viewed a video produced by a Native American student in the Writing 2-3 course on the Native American games from her local community and the ways in which she viewed activities representing parts of everyday life in the community. Discussion on the use of this multimedia approach as it instructs research, report, and narrative skills was viewed as part of an added taped interview with the student. This assignment required collaboration among the faculty, librarian, information technologist and staff from Jones Media Center. In another video, the faculty member, Stephanie Boone, described the role of the librarian, Laura Braunstein, in helping students understand the importance of understanding the research process, specifically, formulating questions and finding and evaluating information.

DCAL Workshop – Susan presented information on workshops presented to faculty on teaching research and discussed emphasis on the use of observation, interpretation of what is observed and the related secondary sources of information, and then re-observation as one approach.

In addition, several other outreach efforts were noted including short workshops done under Residential Life auspices on “Research for Procrastinators”.

4. Bob Graves and John Crane briefly reviewed the past meeting's initiatives on Scholarly Communications for the Council since there were some Council members not present at earlier meetings.
5. Council adjourned at 1:30 pm.