

Council on Libraries and Information Technology
January 25, 2007
Digital Union

Minutes

Present: Karen Bruns, Joe Branin, Roy Joshua, Ilee Rhimes, Kathy Wallace, Meri Meredith, Theodore Bauer

Absent: Daniel Avorgbedor, Gideon Fraenkel, Christopher Highley, Kenneth Pearlman, Azher Salikuddin

Guests: Susan Metros, Tom Cetwinski, Chuck Morrow-Jones, Bob Kalal

The Agenda was:

- Strengthen Council/Improve Attendance
- Resolution
- Role of the Council in CIO Recruitment
- Cyber Security
- Agenda for the Rest of the Year

It was noted that attendance at the Council meetings is and has been very weak. Should the council be eliminated or should efforts be taken to advance involvement? There was a discussion on how people are appointed to the Council and why people agree to be on the Council if they never come to the meetings. Are chairs of the department notified of such appointments? Kathy suggested that an advisory committee appoint our own members. The committee was formerly called the "Library Council". Four or five years ago Information Technology was folded into the Council. The committee consists of 7 tenure track faculty, 3 students, and 3 *ex officio*. This number is not set in concrete. It was suggested that there be some staff representation, but the steering committee has said no to that idea in the past.

Susan said TELR Coordinator Council has 1 faculty and 1 IT person from each department on their council. The Digital Union committee is very active. Another idea was to have an open house and invite the faculty to become a member. We need to revisit our statement mission, look at how we recruit, and chart a direction of where we will be going in the coming year. Karen, Susan, and Joe will write a mission statement and based on the discussion, develop an outline for marketing the council along with a tentative agenda for future meetings.

Next, Joe introduced a Resolution of Appreciation to Ilee Rhimes who has served with distinction as Chief Information Officer of the Ohio State University since November 2000. He will be leaving us shortly to become Vice-Provost for Information Technology

Services and Chief Information Officer at the University of Southern California. The Resolution was adopted by the Council on January 25, 2007. Meri Meredith moved to accept the Resolution and Theodore Bauer seconded it.

Susan reminded us that the University is presently looking for a new president, a new provost, and a new CIO. She is chair of the President's Council on Women. Karen suggested we formulate a discussion board. However, it was noted that we already have a listserv. It was suggested that we meet with Barbara Snyder to get ideas of the skills we should be looking for in a new provost.

Next Chuck Morrow-Jones talked about cyber security. UCLA and Ohio University have both seen a breach of identity of students. UCLA had some 700,000 students' identities compromised. We have over 60,000 active computers on campus. They must be secure by departments and well as central computing. Hackers are attacking applications software now. There must be an emphasis on web site security. He presented a CoLIT Briefing on an interim University Policy on Exposure of Sensitive Personal Information. The interim policy will go into effect immediately until the Policy Development Process can be completed. There should be no social security numbers attached to names on personal computers. However, a solution may be linking a student's name with the last four digits of their SSN. Each department is being audited which will provide some guidance on policy. There was a lengthy discussion on wireless issues on campus.

Some agenda items for the coming year should be a continuation of IT cyber policy discussion; identify steps for reaching faculty; listing the characteristics of the new president; and renovation of the library. They will provide a link to the president's web site.

Meri Meredith,
for the Council