DLS Faculty Planning Meeting
November 22, 2011
1:30-3:30

Present: Larry Boyer, Gail Munde, Barbara Marson, Jami Jones, Karen Mathis, John Harer, Al Jones, Elaine Yontz, Kaye Dotson, Patrick Valentine (via Skype)

Absent: Ruth Clark

Munde and Yontz reported on their meeting with the ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA) on November 19, 2011. COA reviewers’ questions appeared to stress the importance of incorporating assessment results and stakeholder input into program design and planning. Reviewers had more questions regarding Standards I, II and IV than III, V and VI. As a result of the application for candidacy and detailed plan for achieving candidacy submitted by the DLS, candidacy was awarded, and an External Review Panel will visit to perform a comprehensive review in Fall 2013.

Mathis reported that 14 students had been admitted for Spring 2012 and that completed applications would continue to be considered through the first week of January, 2012.

The standard for consideration at this meeting is Standard IV: Students. Marson distributed an agenda and the first item was recruiting, with an emphasis on diversity.

Faculty agreed to take the following actions, and to report progress to the entire group via email no later than Tuesday, November 29.

Marson, Munde, Mathis

Mathis will supply the list of individuals who attended the recruiting event in Robeson County on October 25. Munde and Marson will draft a follow-up letter to thank attendees for their interest and invite those who would like to learn more about the program to a social meeting to be held locally. They will send a draft of the letter to Yontz.

Yontz

Yontz will prepare a message for the NCLA listserv noting that the ECU MLS program’s status has changed from precandidate to candidate.

Harer

Harer will research recruiting possibilities at Department of Defense schools and schools serving students living outside the United States.

Harer

Harer will contact the Virginia State Library regarding recruiting possibilities in that state.

Marson

Marson will contact Rita Van Duinen at Central Carolina Community College to discuss recruiting possibilities.

Munde

Munde will ask Joyce Wright at the University of Illinois for contact information on two NC librarians who could provide advice and counsel on diversity recruiting. She will copy Yontz on the email.
Harer Faculty expressed an interest in going to Elizabeth City for a spring “road show.” Harer will contact one or more of Dana McNeil, Tavia Clark and Beth Strecker, and the library director at ECSU to enlist their assistance in planning a visit.

Harer Harer will contact COLRS graduates encouraging them to recommend our program to their friends and colleagues who may be interested in attending a graduate program of library education.

Agenda items not discussion due to time constraints were: student advisement, fostering greater student participation, and the evaluation of administrative policies regarding students.