The Library Science Program meeting convened on Monday, Oct. 28, in Bate 2014. Those present were John Harer, Al Jones, Barbara Marson, Lou Sua, Kaye Dotson, Jami Jones, Gail Munde, and Elaine Yontz.

John Harer called the meeting to order. After discussing the minutes, Jami Jones made a motion to accept and approve; Al Jones seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by all.

John Harer led the discussion by sharing an update from the Advisory Board meeting. Gail Munde will send minutes from the Advisory Board meeting to all as soon as possible. Of key interest was the decision to seek a consultant for the upcoming work on our ALA program presentation. John and Gail did not see a need for further consultative support at this time and will proceed as is. Elaine Yontz suggested that editorial support may be advantageous and this idea is under consideration.

John Harer and Vivian Mott will meet on Wed. Nov. 6 to prepare for an upcoming call to Karen O’Brien and Linda Lilliard to discuss the possible impact of the departmental merger situation. Gail requested that the call be recorded and John agreed to do that.

John shared comments from the program coordinator’s meeting. He said that the general consensus was that each program, including the additional program under consideration for merger, wants to maintain program autonomy within the larger merged department. John further reviewed progress in our work together within the merged department. He shared areas of positive interaction. They are:

- Evidence the Promotion and Tenure committee worked together successfully in recent actions
- Evidence showing clearly the presence of both programs on the Web
- Budgeting has been addressed to clearly designate areas for both departments in terms of accountability, visibility, and transparency
- Travel has been satisfactorily addressed for all
- Taskforce interactions have proceeded smoothly incorporating members from both programs

Gail Munde suggested that we have some type of accounting for scholarship awards.

Barbara Marson and John Harer discussed recruiting efforts and road trips. Barbara noted a bonus from these efforts in increased student involvement and interactions following these outreach efforts. Barbara shared that one student has been leaning towards withdrawal from the program due to personal reasons, but has elected to continue. It was agreed by all that even when the turnout is small the element of in-person interaction and human interest make them valuable.

Barbara Marson met with Christine Wilson, the new web-master. We now have a template within which we must operate, but Barbara spoke favorably of her perception of the progress we
will be able to make in terms of our “web presence” with the recent changes that have been made.

John Harer led a discussion on course rotations. He advised that he would email everyone the latest document with the expectation that we would respond with any needed changes.

Brynna Coonin has been approved to adjunct LIBS 6225.

Enrollment data was shared and consensus was that our program ranked 3rd largest in completed application trends.

Workload data was briefly discussed and John Harer plans to discuss this further with John Swope.

The program Curriculum committee was discussed and Lou Sua, Jami Jones, and Barbara Marson all agreed to serve on this program committee. Elaine Yontz serves on the COE Curriculum committee and will advise the program committee as needed. Elaine will also share via email, a chart of the types of changes that can be made within the department as opposed to those that must go beyond to the COE Curriculum committee.

The program will host a graduation reception under the umbrella of the ALA Student Chapter. John Harer, Lou Sua and Elaine Yontz agreed to coordinate the reception.

Elaine advised the group that in the interest of time, she would email Beta Phi Mu information to all.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Kaye Dotson