MLS Program Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2018
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Ragsdale 211

Present: Drs. Kaye Dotson, Monica Colon-Aguirre, John Harer, Al Jones, Jami Jones, Barbara Marson, Beth Strecker, Lou Sua

Dotson called the meeting to order.

The minutes of February 21, 2018 were approved.

Dotson reported that she will be attending the LIS Deans and Directors Meeting on April 11, 2018. Dotson, Sua, and Strecker reported on recent conference activities. At the ACBMITE Conference in Raleigh, Dotson, Strecker, Sua, and Yontz had presentations. Sua reported that at the NCCC Conference in Asheboro, that conference numbers were down, but there was a lot of activity at our program table. Dotson, Strecker, and Sua presented at the Librarian to Librarian Networking Summit at Joyner Library. At the time of the MLS program meeting, Yontz was attending the Public Library Association Conference in Philadelphia.

Dotson reminded everyone of the Blackboard site that has been set up to include information relation to ALA standards. Faculty are responsible for posting data for each:

- Standard 1: Dotson & Harer
- Standard 2: Marson & Yontz
- Standard 3: Colon-Aguirre
- Standard 4: J. Jones & Sua
- Standard 5: A. Jones

There was discussion about hosting another student forum for curriculum development. J. Jones and Sua will plan one to take place in the summer of 2018. Marson reported that the MLS Curriculum Committee had discussed doing a curriculum mapping to various standards. This had been done in previous years, but it is time for an update. It was decided to do this after the student forum.

Dotson stated to send any minutes or current reports to Marson for posting on the program website. Marson also noted to inform her of any errors or changes that are needed.

Marson indicated that the SACs unit assessment report would be due in late spring. She will email information as it becomes available.

There was general discussion about the curriculum package changes that are still in progress. We have a number of LIBS 6903 courses that have been offered numerous times – courses dealing with electronic resources, diversity, and digital libraries. There was an agreement that we could consider having each applicable faculty member moving his or her course through the curriculum process. There was also mention of a public library programming course that J. Jones had developed and that this could be introduced in the summer of 2019.
Harer reported that the updated student survey is in progress and will be mailed soon.

Dotson reminded everyone that advising and registration is in progress and that LIBS 6815 which is offered in the fall can be substituted for LIBS 6972.

Marson reported that the study abroad plans are progressing well. In addition, the two students who are interning in Paris have finalized their air and accommodation arrangements.

Dotson indicated that the MLS program will provide a speaker for the COE Recognition Ceremony. She will solicit recommendations via email.

The venue for the IDP graduation reception was discussed, with the Epps Recreation Center as a possibility. This possible selection will be presented at the next IDP departmental meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Marson