

2010-11 Council on Libraries, Information Systems and Computing (LISC)
Minutes
November 15, 2010
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
UNH 306

Attendance: Debra Dickerson (support staff), Christine Haile (Ex Officio); Nancy Newman; Mary Casserly (Ex Officio); Karen Brown; Ed Waltz; Bruce Dudek; Amanda Levig; Christian Olsen; Tim Stephen; Meg Fryling (guest).

I. In Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik's absence, Karen Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The Committee made introductions and welcomed Amanda Levig, the undergraduate representative, to LISC.

II. Karen made a motion to approve the October 18th LISC minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

III. Report from the Chair – Karen Brown

Karen reported on behalf of Shadi. The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting was held on November 1, 2010 and two related topics were discussed. Two resolutions were considered in response to the recent deactivation by the president, one by LCC and another by CPCA. The main topic of discussion was the format and content of a "comment letter" to the president in response to the deactivation. An ad hoc committee may be formed to integrate all the comments. Shadi also participated in the University Faculty Senate's fall plenary meeting in late October. The deactivation by UAlbany was one of the major topics. The UFS passed two resolutions in opposition to the deactivation, one initiated by the SEC and the other by the University centers. The resolutions are being considered by UAlbany SEC.

IV. Report from Dean of Libraries, Mary Casserly

Mary reported that a soft rollout of an e-discover service, a tool beneficial to undergraduate students, is now on the Library's main website. This new service simultaneously performs a Google-like search on a large number of databases. Mary invited the members to take a look at the new search engine during this trial period to see how they like it.

Mary distributed photos of the new media room that has been set up on the first floor of the library. This was marketed as a group study area with TV screen and plug-ins for four laptops. They are collecting comments from the students to get a sense of whether the students like it or not. The media room will be in the Library until the 29th of November. Both services mentioned carry a heavy price tag.

V. Report from the CIO, Christine Haile

Chris introduced Meg Fryling of Client Support Services. Meg is the Project Director for the email, calendaring, collaboration project on campus and was asked to give the Committee a project status report. Meg presented a slide show on the evaluation of email, calendaring and collaboration services on campus and the results that has been compiled. A variety of other information gathered and an update of this project is available at <http://wiki.albany.edu/x/JYBcAQ>. Meg then answered questions from the Committee regarding data security, cost, support issues and reliability. Recommendations will be presented to the President in December and the switchover to be made in fall 2011.

VI. Other Business

Chris passed out information to the Committee on the CIT 2011 (Conference on Instruction and Technology) "20/20 Vision – Looking Forward and Remembering the Past" to be held in May 2011. She also reminded the Committee of the three town hall meetings scheduled for November 16 at 1:15 pm and November 23 at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm regarding the future of email services at the campus.

Ed Waltz mentioned that the School of Public Health's Website is now up and running via RedDot.

There being no further business, Karen motioned to adjourn.