2016-17 Council on Libraries, Information Systems and Computing (LISC)
Minutes
November 14, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
LI 123

Attendance: Dave Mamorella, Rebecca Mugridge, Nancy Roberts (via phone), Sheila Curran Bernard, Cathleen Green, Allison Craig, Alex Tchernev, Alex Kumi, Deb Dickerson, Guest: Julie Slichko, Faculty Technology Resources, ITS

1. Approval of Minutes:

    The October 17 LISC Minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Guest speaker: Julie Slichko, Faculty Technology Resources, ITS

    Julie was invited to give an Overview of Blackboard Organization. This presentation described using Blackboard beyond just using it for courses. This concept of using communities/organizations has been gaining traction; and anyone with a Net ID can build one. There can be multiple leaders, but only one leader per role. If anyone is interested in using Blackboard for organizations, please contact Julie for assistance.

3. Update from the Meet and Greet on 11/9/2016

    At the last Senate meeting, the Councils decided to set up tables after the November Senate meeting to allow the councils to showcase their committees and have an informal meet and greet with faculty and staff. Dave commented that this was a nice first step, but very informal. Suggested that in the spring, they could have different tables set up and perhaps change the venue. Alex suggested making the Senate website more prominent on the UAlbany Website, as it is not easily found. Dave said he would mention this again at the next Senate meeting.

4. Brief Overview of the new Lecture Capture Room in SB-31

    Dave showed slides of the new LC Room in SB-31 which was recently renovated to capture lectures. It is new to the faculty, but if anyone is interested in learning how it is done, contact the Classroom Technology staff in ITS.

5. Overview/Brief Demo of VoiceThread

    Dave presented an overview of the new web-based application VoiceThread, which is an interactive collaboration and sharing tool that enables users to add images, documents, videos, and to which other users can add voice, text, audio file, or video

comments. This tool can be incorporated into Blackboard. It does require a webcam for the video component. The University is moving forward with the licenses. If anyone is interested, contact the Faculty Technology Resources team in ITS. There is a workshop on VoiceThread scheduled for February 14th, 2017 in ITLAL.

6. Report/Updates from Rebecca Mugridge (Dean of University Libraries):

   Faculty searches.
   - Director of Technical Services and Library Systems. The request to fill the position will go out to Budget/HR/ODI this week.
   - Outreach and Marketing Librarian. An internal search for this position has begun and hope to be finished by mid-December.

   Student Advisory Board. The first meeting of the Board took place on October 25, and the second meeting is coming up on November 16. Due to the amount of student interest, the SAB was split into fall and spring. A little over 30 students attended the first meeting. This meeting raised a number of issues, including their concerns with printing costs.

   Library Hours Task Force. At the request of the Libraries' Student Advisory Board, Rebecca has appointed a Task Force to make recommendations regarding the hours of operation for all three university libraries. The Task Force conducted a survey of students in October and is now conducting a survey of faculty and staff. The results of these surveys will be used to inform our decisions about hours in the next semester and going forward.

   Digital Scholarship Center Task Force. The Libraries have formed a task force to explore how we might expand the services offered by our Interactive Media Center to include things like data visualization software and GIS. To inform their work they've invited Joan Lippincott, Associate Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information, to speak to the Libraries and other interested folks about digital scholarship support services. This will take place on November 15, 10:30-12:00 in the Cobb Room, and LISC members are welcome to attend.

7. Other Items
   Rebecca will have a representative speak to the Committee on the reconfiguration of the Library's service desks and how it's going to change the look of the Library.

   It was suggested that Dave set up the LISC Committee agendas and minutes in a Blackboard community format, as presented earlier by Julie Slichko.

8. Adjournment
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next LISC committee is scheduled for February 6, 2017 at 3:00 pm in Library 123.