

The University of British Columbia
School of Library, Archival and Information Studies
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES
2003 January 17

Present: Ann Curry, Martin Dowding, Luciana Duranti, Terry Eastwood (Chair), Richard Hopkins, Rick Kopak, Heather MacNeil, Christine Marton, Mary Sue Stephenson, Jan Turner, Dale Yamaura (recorder).
Guest: Jeff Miller, UBC Distance Education and Technology
On Leave: Ken Haycock, Judi Saltman.

1. Report from Jeff Miller, DE & T, on proposal for a Master's in Knowledge Management

Information items reported as follows:

It may be possible to leverage funds for development of existing SLAIS courses to fulfill requirements for both programs.

Tuition is anticipated to be \$1,250 per course and \$15,000 for the degree. Courses are offered to MKM students initially to cover risk, and then seats would be available for SLAIS students.

It was reported that funding allows for hiring of a tenured faculty for supervision and coordination; in addition, sessional funding will be available.

Two requests were made for (1) a commitment to participate in the planning process and (2) identification of courses to be developed and course authors. It was reported that funding, such as one-half course relief and travel expenses, would be available for faculty time required to participate in the planning process.

2. Items for decision/discussion

a. SLAIS role in Knowledge Management Program

The faculty agreed to participate in the analytical and planning process.

b. Collaborative Research

Problem areas were discussed:

- students cannot take array of elective courses due to required course LIBR 597; an elective course would be more beneficial
- the required prerequisite LIBR 590 limits availability of LIBR 597 to one or two terms in an academic year
- students may not be interested in faculty research area
- faculty do not receive credit for LIBR 597
- the initial intent of the course offering has not resulted

The faculty agreed to submit a curriculum revision to change LIBR 597 Research Collaboration from a required to an elective course. A vote resulted in 8 (in favour) and 1 (opposed).

c. MLIS Practicum and Co-op Program

Questions have been raised as to why a practicum would be necessary by students completing a four to eight month co-operative work term. Students are required to have completed 24 credits prior to the co-op. Students may elect to do either a four-month, two four-month placements or one eight-month co-op work placement. It was agreed that students who complete a co-operative work term are not required to fulfill the practicum requirement LIBR 595.

3. Director's Report

g. Special Workshop on Children's Programming

Two half day workshops on children's programming will be offered this term by Jane Cobb and Allison Haupt, anticipated to be scheduled on Saturdays.

h. Doctoral Studies Program

It was agreed that library and information studies faculty members of the doctoral committee will review LIS Ph.D. applications, and archival studies faculty will review AS Ph.D. applications

4. Committee Reports

a. Environment and Resources

It was agreed to proceed with the academic equipment fund proposal as recommended by the committee.

c. Faculty Development and External Relations

Rick Kopak will be interim Chair during 2003.

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2003. Faculty meetings are anticipated to be scheduled for the last Friday of each month.