

University of British Columbia
School of Library, Archival and Information Studies
Faculty Meeting Minutes
March 31st, 2006 (March/April Meeting)

Present: Edie Rasmussen, Ann Curry, Martin Dowding, Luciana Duranti, Terry Eastwood, Rick Kopak, Shirley Lew, Heather MacNeil, Francesca Marini, Judith Saltman, Susie Stephenson,

In attendance: Mary Grenier

The Agenda was approved: Motion to Approve Susie, Seconded Shirley
January Minutes were approved: Motion to Approve Luciana, Seconded Martin

1. Director's Report

Edie outlined her travels to Tsukuba Japan, for the Research Centre for Knowledge Communities workshop, to Ottawa for CHRC Training Gaps Analysis Steering Committee, and Lethbridge to examine a dissertation. She also attended a two day meeting of the ASIS&T Board in Vancouver in association with the Information Architecture Summit.

Congratulations:

Four of our Faculty were honoured at yesterday's UBC Authors Reception; Luciana, Terry and Heather for their book, and Martin for his edited work.

Forthcoming events:

LASSA/SLAIS End of Term Party, Friday, April 7
Take a Grad to Dinner Alumni Event, Thursday April 6
SLAIS Congregation and Lunch, Thursday May 25

2. Update on Accreditation

Authors were reminder that Chapters are due Tuesday after Easter Break (April 18th). Judi requested CV updates that included information for this term.

3. Faculty Search

The panel currently includes Ann/Judi/ Martin/Susie/Tara Robertson (Student rep). The posts have been advertised and application deadline is March 31st. We have permission and funds from the Dean's office to fill these posts "off cycle".

4. Graduate Survey

ARES have presented a draft survey which needs work as there was a lack of understanding apparent in the presentation.

They will be requested to change the presentation of the data.

Shirley will work on aggregating some of the data to extract the information SLAIS needs.

5. Curriculum Report

Heather presented the Course outline for ARST 575D – Issues in the Management of Current Records, which was approved by consensus

Shirley asked that the pre requisites for LIBR 596 which currently reads:

Successful completion of 21 credits of studies in the MIIS program, and LIBR 595, Practicum. Courses directly relevant to the nature of a project will also be prerequisite or co requisite, at the discretion of the faculty co-ordinator and other faculty members who have the relevant expertise.

Be changed to:

LIBR 500, 501, 502, 503, plus 9 additional credits of studies in the MLIS program. Courses directly relevant to the nature of a project will also be prerequisite or corequisite, at the discretion of the faculty co-ordinator and other faculty members who have the relevant experience.

This was approved by consensus.

6. Grad Council

Ann Curry reported from the last meeting of the Grad Council. Frieda Granot is stepping down and her successor is not yet in place.

UBC will be moving toward electronic submission of theses.

There is to be a new committee to deal with UGF Submissions. It was agreed that a member of SLAIS faculty would volunteer for this.

Joe Tennis will take over from Ann as SLAIS representative to Graduate Council when she goes on sabbatical in July.

7. Senate/FoGs Committee

Susie reported from this Committee on thesis requirements for graduate programs.

8. Issues Analysis for Dean & Presidents Office

We have been asked to report on issues facing our programs for a faculty presentation to the Presidents office. Edie will take forward a brief report for SLAIS.

9. Faculty of Arts Teaching Evaluation Web Site

This is going live. Edie confirmed that each faculty member will have to opt “in” rather than opt “out”. Judi and Susie have opted to have their evaluations activated.

10. Other Business

The School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore has requested we sign a memorandum of understanding on future cooperation. This would be a good opportunity for student and faculty exchange, as they have excellent programs and the language of instruction is English.

The Peer Review Committee will meet in good time to meet the May deadline for submission of merit recommendations to the Dean’s Office.

A donation of professional materials from a former student was discussed. It was agreed that after the end of term the books should be weeded and later left in order of area on book trucks. As we do not have a reading room and will not have one in the IKBLC agreement was not reached on whether we sold or kept the books.

The next meeting, on May 5th, will be the Marks Meeting to discuss SLAIS scholarships and awards.