Academic Librarianship Committee (ALC)
Annual Report
July 25, 2011

Roster & Charge

Chair: Cynthia Johnson

Charge: The Committee on Academic Librarianship shall address matters relating to the academic status and professional issues of librarians at the direction of or in consultation with the LAUC-I Chair and the Executive Board. The Committee shall also undertake other duties as directed by the LAUC-I Chair and Executive Board.

2010-2011 Implementation Tasks:
1. Continue to work with Library School Interest Group.
2. Create and distribute a survey on the Distinguished Step options to LAUC-I membership. Analyze results and share at a General Membership meeting.
3. Examine the feasibility of a more organized mentoring program including conducting an environmental scan of mentee and mentor needs and making a recommendation regarding a mentoring program and how it would interact with other committees and library structures such as Human Resources.
4. In coordination with the Web Manager, determine what committee documents and information should live on the new web site, wiki and T: drive.

Summary of Activities

1. Continue to work with Library School Interest Group.
   a. ALC did not have any shared programming or meetings with the Library School Interest Group this year.
2. Create and distribute a survey on Distinguished Step options to LAUC-I membership. Analyze results and share at a General Membership meeting.
   a. Based on UC Berkeley’s documentation, ALC developed a survey to help elicit LAUC-I members’ thoughts about the Distinguished Librarian status.
   c. The results of the survey were presented at the General Membership meeting on November 15, 2010.
   d. The final report and the survey were posted to the LAUC-I website.
3. Examine the feasibility of a more organized mentoring program including conducting an environmental scan of mentee and mentor needs and making
a recommendation regarding a mentoring program and how it would interact with other committees and library structures such as Human Resources.

a. An EEE-based survey was made available from May 9, 2011 through May 23, 2011.
b. The results of the survey will be made available at the July 11, 2011, General Membership meeting.
c. The results will be posted to the LAUC-I website.

4. In coordination with the Web Manager, determine what committee documents and information should live on the new web site, wiki and T-drive.

a. ALC determined the following disposition of documentation and information:
   i. T drive = agendas & minutes; raw data from surveys, etc; working documents
   ii. Wiki = Drafts reports before acceptance by the LAUC-I membership; links to drafts’ supporting documentation
   iii. Web = Published reports & documents accepted by the LAUC-I membership, links to published documentation/reports

5. Other

a. ALC members provided a panel about Academic Librarianship at the Graduate Resource Center on May 2, 2011 titled “Career Options: The Academic Life As A Librarian (ALC)”
   i. One graduate student attended and was more interested in issues regarding digitization and access to information, rather than librarianship as a career.

Recommendations for the Future

1. There are no recommendations for the future, since the LAUC-I general membership agreed to dissolve ALC and merge its functions with the Research & Professional Development Committee (RPDC) next year. The decision to dissolve ALC was driven by a shrinking membership, making it difficult to fill positions on the LAUC-I committees.

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ALC Chair 2010-2011