2012.01.24 LFSC committees mash up

Minutes from Joint meeting with Career Development Committee (CDC) and Mentorship Committee – the "Big" Meeting

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In attendance:

LFSC: Lance Heidig, Randi Kepecs, Eisha Neely, Sally Lockwood, Jim Morris-Knower
Mentoring: Gwen Glazer, Linda Bryan, Gabby Castro Gessner, Toby Hines, Lynn Bertoia
CDC: Boaz Nadav-Maines, Pete Magnus, Chip Talmadge, Annemarie Morse

The purpose of this meeting was to go over the past semester, discuss what our group(s) have been doing in terms of projects and programs and what we may be doing for the Spring semester.

CDC discussed the programs they have had over the past six months.
This included two co-sponsored Copyright talks with Dianne Dietrich and Peter Hirtle.
Kathy Burkgren spoke on the Individual Development Plan which should be a part of every employee’s evaluation. This will be followed up by a workshop given by Linda Bryan next month,
Jeremy Cuskar gave a presentation on QR Codes.
Wendy Wilcox has developed a listerve for career development and workshop attendance.

For the future:
They are working on CDC week which is moved to the week of Spring break beginning on March 19th – until March 23rd.
The keynote speaker will be Adam Meyer, Cornell alumni and founder of MakerBot (http://www.makerbot.com/)
At CDC week there will be a committee "fair" to highlight the work they are doing, as well as use as a recruitment tool.
As the Annual CUL Art and Talent show conflicted with CDC week - there was a discussion to incorporate this as part of the CDC week.
They hope to work with CIT on a program about Outlook software,
They also hope to give a program on RSS feeds.

Mentoring Committee also discussed the second year of their program, the first was a half year pilot program.
There are seven members serving on their committee. Most of the members attended this meeting.
Their structure includes a finance point person (Lynn) and a communication point person (Toby).
They have 30 official participating pairs of mentor/mentee and 20 “unofficial” sets.
They received wonderful feedback from a survey they designed, but are still working on the challenges of time management and of measuring success.
The committee has an annual budget of $1,000 and to date have spent $220 on food.
Looking ahead, they are exploring an end-of-year event with an invited speaker.
The committee is also in the process of discussing their future: should the committee meet every year or periodically?

Library Forum Steering Committee: Lance discussed the programs we have had for the past semester.
In October, Jason Mazzone spoke about his book Copyfraud. His attendance was suggested to us by Peter Hirtle.
There were two co-sponsored talks on copyright with CDC.
Gracian Chimwaza spoke of the use of electronic information resources in the developing world in November at Mann Library.
Colleen Cuddy, the Weill Library Director, spoke in November in Kroch Library.
The first wellness destination walk with Uris Library Historical tour led by Lance.

Last week we had a last minute program by two visiting scholars from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research discuss the state of electronic
On Feb. 1st, Ted Dodds Cornell University’s first CIO will talk about technology in the University.

Looking ahead, we discussed:

Simon Liu, U.S. Agriculture Librarian – Jim will follow up with this.

March 15th is the date of the next Wellness/Destination walk with Howard Raskin discussing the artwork in Mann Library. Future ideas include: Art Museum wing, Rand/Millstein and the new Plantations visitor center.

Esha is working on the continuation of Happy Hour and other social events. She would like to broaden this to outdoor activities once the weather improves.

Other happy hour/social event ideas included: a group build for Habitat for Humanity. Annemarie suggested a wine and food pairing with local wine and/or chocolate. This can be expanded to include wine archives, agricultural sponsorship, and migrant worker issues as well as other potential components.

The student panel on how they are using the library and technology was a very popular idea. It was suggested seeking out students not only from the Student Library Advisory Board (via Ed Weissman), but also through the various unit libraries, and selectors may also have potential student volunteers. It was suggested to make this an annual presentation.

Susan Nutter, Vice Provost and Director of Libraries from NCSU was suggested by Anne as a library “hero.” They are also using an advanced Summon search tool which would be useful for us. This idea received lukewarm response.

Assessment and Communications Department suggested a presentation on the graduate PhD study they did a few years back on the intervention strategies for graduate students. This past week there was a well attended Graduate Immersion workshop for PhD students that came out of this study. Perhaps a presentation via Library Forum would be a good place to inform staff about this program.