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Library Forum Steering Committee Minutes – Feb. 2, 2012

Minutes by Randi Kepecs

In attendance: Randi Kepecs, Lance Hedig, Sally Lockwood, Eisha Neely, Jessica Withers

Agenda:

1. Debrief of Ted Dodds Talk which was 2/1/12

- There was an excellent turnout – approx. 70–80 people attended
- Desktop Services closed their office so their staff could attend the talk
- No one moved at the end of the talk – people were extremely captivated
- All felt he was an excellent speaker, gave a good overview of his first year and his challenges with re-organizing CIT as CIO and Vice President for Information Technologies
- Some would have liked more library-specific points: however, he did discuss a potential replacement for Library management systems, as well as the eTextbook pilot program
- Follow-up in 6 months/year with Ted and perhaps Dean Kraft suggested

2. National Library Workers Day

- Lance and Randi received an email from Michelle Eastman (2/1/12) tasking LFSC to recognize this years National Library Workers Day on April 10, 2012.
- In the past: the day was celebrated by platters of cookies, Smarties, balloons, ice cream sundaes
- Budget – \$100–200
- Some felt this should have been suggested to the Human Resources department as this is more in their scope of service
- Suggestions: bowling (too difficult with over 300 staff), appreciation from the people we serve, comments on index cards, posterboard with colored pens, Anne's office to put out promotional items to thank the staff, taking an advertisement in the Cornell Daily Sun to show appreciation, Facebook, Twitter (retweet this post) to show appreciation for Library Workers, digital signs: library, campus store, etc.; have the CU homepage do a front page spotlight with a listing of all the things the Libraries have done.

3. Review and Update of Spring Programs

- Simon Liu– his visit has been postponed, so we will not be able to have him as a speaker this Spring
- Johnson Museum director/Destination Walk and Talk:
 - this idea appealed to Anne as a “campus game changer.”
 - Lance has written to the new director, Stephanie Wiles.
 - This should take place in late April.
- Lance has been in email communication with Anne regarding other programs. She suggested outside speakers: Wendy Logue (University of Michigan) and Christine Boardman (UCLA)
- Student Panel:
 - Point people: Randi Kepecs and Sally Lockwood. This idea received much positive feedback in the BIG meeting last week.
 - Sally suggested faculty Julie Carmalt (Policy, Analysis, and Management) in Human Ecology as a lead to student participants; as well as SLAC. Student employees may also be interested in participating.
 - Gaby Castro–Gessner in Research and Assessment has experience with using students, and should be consulted.
 - Suggested to speak to the Engineering librarians, as their students may have different library habits to offer the panel.
 - This program is scheduled for early April.
- Dan Huttenlocker, Dean of Information Science as a potential speaker. Lance will contact him.
- Mann Destination Walk:
 - scheduled for March 15th.
- Wine Tasting:
 - Maryanne Morse suggested this idea at last week's BIG meeting.
 - She has touched base with Eisha, who asked her to research the ideas and any road blocks.
 - Sally has gotten in touch with Mary Ann Dudley, Director of the Farm Workers Program. She suggested that the Fall may be a better time for this program.
- Happy Hour:
 - February 17th – meet at Statler Regent Bar and then go on to the women's hockey game after.
 - Randi will get in touch with Doug Derraugh, the coach to see if he can offer some personalized touch to the group.
- Public Engagement:
 - This was brought up in last week's BIG meeting, and aligns with President Skorton's goal for Cornell.
 - Lance will send an email to CUL requesting ideas and Jessica will sort through the ideas at a future LFSC meeting.