Library Forum Steering Committee Minutes

March 8, 2012

In attendance: Jessica Withers, Eisha Prather, Lance Hedig, Jim Morris-Knower, Sally Lockwood, Randi Kepecs (minutes)

Library Worker Appreciation Day:

- Library Administration has tasked our group to assist in sponsoring some sort of idea for Library Worker Appreciation Day on April 10th.
- We are planning to do a social media idea and/or a short video with a song based on “Marian the Librarian” from Oklahoma written by Jim Speer (Mann Library), video filming by Matt Ryan. Jessica is attempting to find a willing Cornell singing group to sing the song.
- UPDATE (3/14/12) “OK, finally, we have a group willing to be our vocal talent! The Chordials will sing the song a cappella; they are asking for the full $200, which I’m OK with since it was so difficult to find a group.”
- All agreed this needs to be approved by the administration. Jim to email Michelle Eastman and request feedback of idea.
- UPDATE (3/12/12) Jim, I have shared your idea with Anne Kenney and Lee Cartmill. Both found your idea an interesting one and encouraged you to proceed. Thank you for your collective creativity. Good luck, Michelle
- Gwen Glazer, Library Communications, will also be contacted to assist in getting press and re-posts for this idea.
- Sally will handle logistics of between Matt R., Jim S. and the Chordials.

Panel on Students & the Library:

- Sally updated – we have 5 students that responded to a call for volunteers
- The panel will take place on Tuesday, April 24th from 1:30-3 pm in 700 Clark Hall
- Jim will moderate
- Format: there will be a table with microphones and tent cards with students name, graduation year and college. Students will have a 2 min introduction on how they interact with the Library.
- An email will be sent to CULib for “questions you always wanted to ask” ahead of time to garnish questions from the staff to ask the students (sent to LFSC email box), along with audience Q&As
- Randi and Sally will meet with the students to vet them before the event.
- We still need an additional 4-5 students as back ups in case some do not show up.
- Ask Tiffany to tape this event

Museum Tour:

- Eisha has been working with Cathy on arranging a date for this
- She will get back to us after a date has been chosen in April – early morning time preferred
- Subject: “Constructing the Intangible”
- Limited to 25 people

Milstein/Rand Tour:

- Sally has been working with Martha Walker about this tour
- Due to students using the space, Martha suggested that it would be preferable to wait until the students are not there – perhaps mid-May
- Marcia (Visual Librarian) and Martha will give the tour
- Limited to 25 people

New Museum Director:

- Lance has been the contact for this tour
- He will follow up with the group once he inquires about the best date

Mann Destination Walk:

- This will take place on March 14th
- One needs to register through the Wellness Center
- Limited to 25 people

Anne Kenney and Big Red Bikes:

- It was decided that we have many programs this semester, and this idea will be postponed to next year’s programming

Happy Hour:

- Eisha and Jessica updated the group on the idea to have bowling at Helen Newman Lanes
- We will rent 8 lanes (4 people per lane) for 2 hours on Friday March 22nd from 6-8 pm at the cost of $128
- We will supply the lane rental, individuals will pay for their own shoes, and drinks
- There will be a sign up for this with a deadline

Career Development Week:

- Randi and Jessica are representing LFSC at the CUL Committee Fair on Wednesday March 21st at Mann 102 from 1–2 pm
David Weinburger:

- Jeff Piestrak of Mann Library is working to bring David into town to talk on April 16th from 1:30-3 pm.
- LFSC has been asked to co-sponsor this talk, along with other groups (The Cornell Center for Engaged Learning and Research and the Communication Department) on campus.
- We have agreed to give $500 towards this talk and to assist in the PR and arrangements.

Public Engagement:

- Lance has discovered through the Public Services Office in Barnes Hall that there is currently no coordinated effort for staff to participate in public engagement issues (the office coordinates students efforts)
- Lance will follow up when he has investigated this more.

Our next meeting will be in 3 weeks, a smaller sub-group can meet TBA regarding the student video or communicate via email as needed.