

ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2009

Present:

Kory Staheli, Brigham Young University
*Amy Ash, Thomas M. Cooley Law Library
*Courtney Selby (Chair), University of Tulsa Mabee Legal Information Center
Casey Duncan, University of Texas Tarlton Law Library
*Barbara Monroe, Georgetown Law Library
*Pat Fox, Widener University
*Sandra Klein, Notre Dame University
*Kerry Skinner, Arkansas University
*Paul Moorman, University of Southern California
Susan N. Mart, Hastings College of Law Library
*Karen A. Nuckolls (incoming chair) University of Kentucky Law Library
Merle Slyhoff Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania

(*indicates 2009 committee member)

- Approval of the minutes from 2008 were moved and seconded by Merle and Kory, respectively.
- Courtney Selby then reported on the projects undertaken during the 2008-2009 academic year.
 - The committee will continue to make all information on the collection development committee site available to all members of AALL. The current chair will be working with Ajaye Bloomstone of TS-SIS for the collection of acquisitions policies. TS-SIS will place a link on their site to the committee's Collection Development Policies list.
 - The Collection Development Roundtable will be Tuesday, July 28th from 9:00-10:00 am. This year's theme: Making the cut: collection development in the face of shrinking budgets. Participants will discuss how the economic downturn has affected collection development in law libraries. Amanda Runyon (UT Tarlton Law Library) and Leslie Street (Georgetown University Law Library) will discuss their draft survey on print material cancellation trends and related topics.
 - Barbara Monroe's project proposal for the 2008-2009 academic year matching libraries in other countries with potential donor libraries inside the United States is still in consideration. The project's objective would be to help find international libraries in which to place many of the excess donations received by American academic law libraries. Corporate sponsorship could be considered for covering the cost of postage/shipping. Barbara will continue working with the idea, possibly contacting IALL to see if they have some helpful resources. The preliminary task force to pursue this project will be headed by Barbara Monroe & Michelle Pearse. Michelle reported through email that she and Barbara are reviewing links in Delicious. This is still in the incubating process.
 - Other donation programs were discussed by Courtney and others at the meeting. UTulsa has an agreement with Tulsa Lawyers for Children and Better World Books. The money that would otherwise be given to the library for books sold to BWB will be donated to the Tulsa Lawyers for Children.
 - Recycling books at some libraries is problematic, due to the glue used in the binding process. This is one of the reasons so many libraries are currently looking at alternatives to simply discarding unneeded donations.

- Collection Development Policies & Contacts pages will be updated again. Pat Fox and Courtney Selby will work on this together.
- Merle Slyhoff is exploring the project on the “greening” of collection development with a vendor. The project will focus on reducing the amount of excess marketing mailing done by vendors in favor of more environmentally friendly options.
- Who keeps copies of texts on reserve? Univ. Of PA does because it creates goodwill. Formula: X no. of students = 1 copy. Collecting study aids creates goodwill. A libraries mission statement can affect collection development: Is your mission statement “student-centered” or “faculty-centered?” Is your CD budget-driven?
- Case books. Some libraries keep a few years on the shelf. If someone asks, give it to them. Older copies are kept on the open shelves; newer on reserve.
- The following program and roundtable ideas were offered for next year’s conference. It was noted that program proposals are due by August 21st, and that our proposals should be ready to be reviewed by ALL-SIS for sponsorship prior to this deadline.
 - A 30-minute program on how MARC records acquired through Cassidy Cataloging can influence a library’s purchases or cuts was proposed by Kory Staheli.
 - Pat Fox suggested a a discussion centering on "student centric" collections, in particular study aids, collecting textbooks, and other materials geared to students, as a subject for next year's roundtable.
 - Collecting strengths in libraries will be explored by Amy, Kerry and Sandra.
 - A program on tools for collection development was proposed by Courtney Selby. This would deal with new and old tools, paper vs. e-green slips, etc. Kerry Skinner will assist with this proposal.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.