

ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee Meeting July 9, 2006 – AALL Annual Meeting

Present: Michele Kristakis, Sara Sampson, Margaret Schilt, Liz Goldberg, Leslie Pardo, James Wirrell, Mary Marzolla, Michele Wu (the committee's ALL-SIS liaison).

The outgoing co-chairs, Michele Kristakis and Sara Sampson, opened the meeting by providing a wrapup of the activities of the 2005-2006 committee.

The second order of business was preparation for the Faculty Services Roundtable on July 10, 2006. James Wirrell, Leslie Pardo and Liz Goldberg and Margaret Schilt are presenting, on research assistance, new faculty orientation and current awareness respectively, using data gained from the faculty services survey conducted by the committee in the spring of 2005 and the listserv discussions hosted during the course of the year. Then the group will break up into three subject area groups and brainstorm about new ideas and best practices. The roundtable will conclude with reports on the ideas of each group.

The attention of the meeting then turned to ideas for committee activities for the 2006-2007 year. Margaret Schilt, the one of the two new co-chairs attending the meeting, directed the discussion.

Priorities for the next year:

1. Adding content to the committee webpage.

Suggestions for content for the webpage included:

- Survey results, comments and report
- List of links to faculty services webpages
- List of librarians who are either faculty services librarians or are engaged in providing services to faculty
- Summaries of listserv discussions with links to the archived discussions
- List of speakers on faculty services topics
- Repository for materials for faculty services that anyone would like to share with committee members
- FAQ for faculty services librarians

Margaret Schilt reported that Wendy Scott, a member of the committee who could not be at AALL, had volunteered to work on the links to faculty services webpages. Mary Marzolla volunteered to work on the list of librarians. Sara Sampson recalled that Raquel Ortiz has such a list that was current as of approximately 2004, that

Mary would find helpful in preparing her list. The FAQ suggestion was discussed and a consensus reached that this was a more difficult endeavor than some of the others. It was decided that Margaret will post on the ALL-SIS listserv a message saying that the committee is collecting suggestions for this, and see what comes in. If the material seems to gel into something useful, we're work on putting it in a form to post. If it seems too random, we won't.

There followed some discussion about the mechanics of getting material posted to the website. Michele Wu said that she would provide Margaret with information about the person in charge of the website for the coming year. Margaret will then contact that person, and inquire about style issues – is there an approved or usually used “look and feel” or is that something we would decide. She will then convey this information to the committee so we can get the postings up.

2. Listserv discussions in the coming year

We agreed that we would only try to hold two listserv discussions, as the goal of getting material up on the website is important and will take work. Possible topics were discussed and it was decided to hold two listserv discussions in the course of the year. The first would be on the issue of copyright permissions: how involved are the librarians in advising when permissions are needed, obtaining them when they are, and interacting with the faculty about putting materials on course webpages, etc. The second would be on setting boundaries: how do we decide institutionally what we will do and not do for the faculty and how do we execute (and enforce!) those decisions once made. We didn't talk about timing, except for some thoughts that one in the fall semester and one in the spring.

We will have to have a conference call meeting to determine when, who will moderate, how long they will be, etc.

3. Program proposal for AALL 2007

The committee would like to propose a program and have it accepted by the 2007 Program Committee. We talked about scholarly publishing – how it is changing and whether the prevalence of blogging will eventually dilute the importance to faculty of the reputational advantage of publishing in print law journals. Will blogging replace the importance of traditional publishing in tenure decisions? Will the ready availability of electronic publishing reduce the importance of the student journals

and/or impact the prestige of the “national “ law schools? Will the internet give younger faculty an advantage – more exposure for their ideas – and comparatively disadvantage the older, more “established” faculty?

The consensus was that this could be an interesting program, but it would depend on good speakers. Margaret Schilt agreed to try and find good speakers and put a proposal together.

All agreed that this was an ambitious set of goals for the coming year, and the meeting was concluded.