

ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held by Conference Call

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

Thank you for participating in the conference call. It was the first conference call I had organized and I appreciate your patience. Below are the notes from the meeting. Email me any corrections. Also if you were not able to be a part of the conference call and have suggestions feel free to send them. Marianne

The first topic was faculty services committee events at the AALL Annual Meeting. The dates and times are below.

Faculty Services Committee Meeting Sunday July 15 noon-1:15

Faculty services Round Table Monday July 16 11:45-1 Program Sunday July 15 - 3 pm

The topic for the Round Table will be considered at a later discussion.

Margaret updated members concerning the faculty services program that was accepted for the AALL program, "Blogs, Working Papers, Electronic Publishing: Will Changes in Legal Scholarship Affect the Future Development of Library Collections?" The speakers are Lawrence Solum of the University of Illinois College of Law and Gordon Russell, Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library at Charleston School of Law.

Margaret will be the coordinator of the program and introduce the speakers.

It's scheduled for Sunday, July 15 at 3:00.

"Are there boundaries in Faculty Service"

This is our first listserv discussion of the year. Marianne will be coordinator for this listserv. It was agreed that the listserv will be Tuesday, December 5 starting at 10 AM Eastern time (7 am PT) and ending Wednesday December 6th at 9 PM Eastern time (6 PM PT).

After some discussion it was decided to send out announcements to the ALL-SIS listserv on Tuesday, November 21st "Hold these days!" and a second announcement on Tuesday, November 28th. The day before the listserv discussion a reminder will be sent to the ALL-SIS members. Marianne will send the opening announcement of the listserv at it's start on December 5th. Adeen and Margaret volunteered to monitor and keep the discussion going the first hour. It is hoped that all the members of the committee will be involved and add to the discussion during the two days.

Margaret suggested I resend some of the issues that can be discussed during our listserv. During the time before the listserv discussion add notes to yourself with other questions and issues that you can introduce.

Here are some examples; the tension between standardization of services and wanting to customize services as much as possible; the one or two professors who consume all of the librarian's time, is that fair to other faculty - when and how do you say no, especially if the time might be used to develop new services. How is our role as faculty services librarian or liaison defined (is our mission to make ourselves obsolete

by training the profs to be as self-sufficient as possible or is the goal to save them as much time as possible regardless)?
How do you explain the idea of boundaries or limitations with faculty service to new librarians without sounding negative?

The last topic covered was the Faculty Services Webpage. Margaret encouraged everyone to visit it
<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/committees/faculty/index.asp>. Before the faculty librarians contact list is put up Mary will send an email asking permission of the librarians to put their names on the website.

Marianne suggested adding materials to the site from the faculty folders some librarians take to their annual visits to faculty. It wouldn't be the materials such as Westlaw or Lexis handouts. It might be more like the inventory list of what is in the folder, the interview questions asked of the faculty member or some unique handouts. PDF would be a good format, but not essential. Email the materials to Margaret.

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