

MLS Program Meeting Agenda
February 9, 2022; 1 PM

- I. Attendance: Dr. Bright, Dr. Crowe, Dr. Dotson, Dr. Hands, Dr. Jones, Mrs. Mangum, Dr. Marson, Dr. Soulen via WebEx
- II. Minutes of January 12 meeting approved with no corrections.
- III. Dr. Marson discussed preliminary course schedules for summer and fall 2022. Survey of students regarding electives indicates Intellectual Freedom was not top choice but since it is a hot topic we could offer for 1st SS 22. Dr. Harer would teach. This syllabus was updated when semester hours were changed from 2 s.h. to 3 s.h. Other electives include Genealogy and Digital Libraries and Archives. The program could offer two electives for summer. Mrs. Mangum commented that having a second elective for summer is a good option for our students if they can't get the core courses they need. Dr. Marson added a section of 6135 for summer, leaving two sections for fall. Dr. Soulen commented that we should offer 6137 for summer if we an instructor. Mrs. Mangum discussed reminders to students about summer course availability and whether the plan of study should show courses only for Fall and Spring with a note that courses are available in the summer. Dr. Marson reminded advisors to remind students that summer course availability is limited. Mrs. Mangum reminded advisors that there are notes on the plans of study in Degreeworks and that summer courses may be listed in either one or two summer semesters. Mrs. Mangum discussed the new registration process for students beginning Spring 2022. Questions from prospective students can be directed to Kathy Cox. Dr. Hands suggested that Mrs. Mangum send information about the new Banner card and new look of the course catalog to current students.
- IV. Dr. Marson presented on the progress of the self-study progress report. She is working on Standards I & II, pulling out items to address. Standard III will need several charts. Dr. Marson also has submitted the ALISE Statistical Trends as a spreadsheet in December 2021. It includes information about students, enrollment, faculty, finances, and curriculum. Mrs. Tucker has been very helpful with the finances. Dr. Marson also will be submitting the ALA Statistical Trends Report for February 14, 2022.
- V. Dr. Marson addressed recruitment and promotion. We now have two conference sponsorships including Delta Kappa Gamma for April 29-May 1 and North Carolina Community College Library Association for March 11-12. We will be a sponsor at the Joyner Library paraprofessional conference recruitment May 11-12. The Graduate Recruiting Workshop was on January 31. We were contacted by the Wake County Public Library Virtual Library School Information Session in April, date to be determined. Mrs. Mangum commented that we are taking full advantage of opportunities. The program should plan in March for another virtual recruitment

forum to be held in May. Our last was held in May 2021. Mrs. Mangum commented that the Graduate School considers our program as a targeted area for growth.

- VI. Dr. Hands and Dr. Bright provided updates on the faculty searches. A recommendation has been made by the search committee to the personnel committee for the Tenure Track Program Coordinator position. Interviews for the Tenure Track position are concluded. Today is the deadline to submitting the feedback form. The search committee will meet Friday, February 18 to discuss the candidates.
- VII. Dr. Marson suggested that conferences/publications/presentations updates apply to Standard III for self-study so this document could be placed in Teams for continuous update. Dr. Marson and Dr. Bright will discuss and make a recommendation.
- VIII. Mrs. Mangum provided an update on the Pitt County Schools book challenge. There were four proposals on the table. Only one passed which was a policy already in place for book selections to be taught in classroom. There could be future challenges and meetings. The PCS Board of Education sent out a message to parents concerning book challenges to address misinformation regarding these books. Dr. Crowe commented that there was more discussion about challenges at the school board meeting this week. Dr. Bright and Mrs. Mangum recently addressed librarians in Catawba County and Dr. Bright addressed New York school librarians yesterday about diversifying collections and book challenges. The faculty agreed that we need to continue supporting our students who are facing book challenges in their schools and libraries.
- IX. Dr. Marson addressed the future of global initiatives. The program may consider continuation of internship partnership with the American Library in Paris as new faculty come on board. Since there is information about this on the website it will need to be addressed. In the case of the ALP there was no faculty involvement in the travel. The program faculty need to continue to touch base with contacts.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Mangum reported out on the Admissions Committee. Ten students are admitted for fall and one application is in the system. The committee decided that student essays that do not meet expectations will be sent back, and the student will be given one month to resubmit. This is to address an issue of some students who were still seeing the statement of purpose application instead of the essay application.

Dr. Bright reported that the ALA Student Chapter will hold an event this evening (February 9, 2022) with a panel of health sciences research and information services. The chapter president has promoted this event. Another event is scheduled for March 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm focusing on

graphic novels and graphic medicine. IDP is providing honorariums to the presenters. The chapter is looking to develop an advisory team for the student chapter.

The Assessment Committee provided a revised reflection template and proposed procedural changes from the December 2021 program meeting. Dr. Hands provided some comments on the documents. There was also discussion on the use of the word “research” when explaining the process of creating the artifact.

Dr. Jones reported on Beta Phi Mu. A list of 21 candidates has been developed. Dr. Jones will be emailing candidates to inform them of their selection. Dr. Bright suggested some support from IDP for the dues. Dr. Crowe suggested IDP support through a drawing to pay for dues with a winner in each concentration.

Dr. Soulen reported on the Curriculum Committee. A package is working through Curriculog to create a new course for Archives and to remove the requirement for Public Library concentration students to take either LIBS 6133, 6135, or 6137.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Results of Survey for Summer & Fall Electives

61 planned to take an elective this summer

39 are not sure

32 planned to take an elective this Fall

#1 choice is 6822 - genealogy with 26% ranking it #1 choice

#2 choice is 6852 - digital libraries with 25% ranking it #1 choice

#3 choice is 6828 - seminar on intellectual freedom with 24% ranking it #1 choice

#4 choice is 6903 - special topics (Archives) with 23% ranking is #1 choice.