

LAUC-SD Research & Professional Development (R&PD) Committee 2006-2007 Annual Report

MEMBERSHIP:

Harold Colson, Co-Chair
Jeff Williams, Co-Chair
Adolfo Tarango, Statewide Representative 05-07

SuHui Ho, Member
Ardys Kozbial, Member
Arvid Nelson, Member (until departure in April 2007 from UCSD)
Alice Perez, Member

RESEARCH:

The Committee funded three local research grants:

- Nancy Stimson & Alice Witkowski, "Living the Brand, the Fish! Way" poster, presented at the Western MLA Chapters Annual Meeting, Seattle, Wa., October 2006. & MLA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., May 2007
- Dominique Turnbow, "Investigation of Revelle College Student Library Outreach Needs" funding for incentives
- Jeff Williams, "The Long Tail: a Usage Analysis of Pre-1993 Biomedical Journal Literature" poster, presented at the MLA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., May 2007

Statewide grant proposals reviewed: the Committee reviewed five statewide grant proposals. Adolfo, in his role as Statewide Representative, took our recommendations to the Statewide R&PD Committee. Two of the proposals were funded:

- David de Lorenzo. "Edward Miner Gallaudet and the Sign Language Debate, 1867-1888". UC Berkeley. \$3,220.00
- Liladhar R. Pendse "India Portuguesa: Improving Access to Portuguese Language Periodicals from Portuguese India". UC Los Angeles. \$7,947.00

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Programs:

- Co-hosted "Creating Online Communities" webcast with Digital Dialogue team and Instructional Outreach Committee (IOC) October 2006 – 25 attendees

- Developed and presented the “Web 2.0 Applications in the UCSD Libraries” Program January 2007 – 21 attendees
- Co-hosted the “ACRL/ARL/SPARC Webcast on Author Rights” webcast with the Libraries' Staff Training and Development office May 2007 – 20 attendees

Professional Development Support:

- Will provide \$200 of additional professional development funding to each LAUC-SD member in 2007-2008

PROGRAMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT:

- Desktop drill on Author Rights
- Invited speaker - Kim Dority, author *Rethinking Information Work: A career Guide for Librarians and Other information Professionals*.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- LAUC-SD Funded Journals: Harold Colson presented a proposal at the May 8, 2007 LAUC-SD Membership Meeting to eliminate the subscription to the remaining LAUC-SD funded journals. These journals are:
 - College & Research Libraries
 - Econtent
 - Library Journal
 - Library Resource & Technical Services
 - Library Trends
- The Committee provided documentation that all of the journals are available online, and provide alert features. The proposal was adopted. The journals will be cancelled this year.
- Arranged for Katie Spencer to have an official role with the Committee. She will attend Committee meetings, and help to plan events. We feel this will allow the Committee to be more effective in our planning for events related to professional development, and allow the Committee and the Library Training Office to be more effective stewards of our combined funding resources.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Research sabbatical: the Committee discussed the possibility of proposing the establishment of a formal request process for LAUC-SD members to request Sabbaticals to conduct research. After discussion within the Committee and the LAUC-SD Executive Board, it was determined that there is currently no consensus on whether this would be in the best interest of the membership. One concern is

research is just one of the ways members contribute to the profession, and limiting this type of a program to research activities seems problematic.

One important consideration is that although not universally known, librarians here at UCSD and at other UCs have successfully negotiated for a Leave of Absence to conduct research, write a book, etc. Librarians interested in this should discuss the possibility with their supervisor.

- LAUC-SD Laptops: the Committee is unanimous in recommending the elimination of the three LAUC-SD laptops. This year, the laptops were under the management of SSHL. One of the three has been on long-term checkout. Of the other two, one has a bad hard drive, and the other one has not been turned on for a year.

Besides the low use of the laptops, there is the perpetual struggle to find a storage and management for this equipment, the larger availability of laptops outside of LAUC-SD (personal, departmental), and the likelihood that these laptops would need significant attention to be in line with current and future network security standards. Based on this, the Committee will bring a proposal to an upcoming membership meeting to send the remaining LAUC-SD laptops to Surplus Sales. We feel the laptop currently on long-term checkout can continue to be used until it is no longer of need, then be given to Surplus Sales.

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