Information Literacy Council
Minutes
Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008

Those in attendance included: Grubb, Perry, and Lynch.

Grubb and McWilliams still need to discuss the library’s participation in the Entry Year Experience program during fall, ’07. It was noted that LAC uses a different model, which makes for differences in the way librarians teach at LAC. Grubb noted that Kings College librarians require an assignment with every instructional session. “No assignment, no instruction” is their motto as they believe that learning cannot take place without the reinforcement of an assignment. While we would not be comfortable making demands, it was suggested that we could provide generic quizzes and give instructors the option of providing their own quiz or assignment. Progressing from that concept, Grubb questioned whether someone would be willing to create brief online quizzes to follow each class. Lynch and Perry agreed to collaborate in creating five sets of questions using Camtasia. Stebbins could assist. They would be posted on the Instructional Services page and the five would provide enough range to enable a librarian to pick one to fit the day’s topic. Such assessment tools are vital to any library instruction. Camtasia provides immediate answers and can email scores. Use with online (Blackboard) classes would be easy.

Perry also suggested that I reword one element of the existing online instructor evaluation form. Lynch agreed to help redesign the entire form. Both will report back to Grubb and both the quizzes and instructor evaluation forms will be approved by the council before posting online.

It was noted that Grubb has turned over the creation of a “tutorial portal” to Evelyn Greenlaw (LAC) which will incorporate many existing tutorials and other tools from other institutions and Greenlaw will gradually create new USM-specific tutorials in collaboration with Stebbins. We hope to have a active and evolving portal online by summer.

David Nutty has agreed to buy a subscription to LibGuides, which is a 2.0 online program that facilitates the easy creation and maintenance of subject guides, course guides, and liaison pages. USM Libraries has used Dreamweaver and has had to rely on others in the past for much of the work. LibGuides is expected to dramatically simplify and improve the process and enable linking to Facebook and other social networking tools, if desired.
Homepage:  http://www.springshare.com/libguides

Grubb reminded everyone that we have never added two student council members as we originally planned. Lynch suggested recruiting very average students for accurate sampling/input. Perry suggested a one-semester term to provide flexibility for students. This resume builder should be attractive to a range of students. Grubb noted that international students provide unique insights being new not only to the library, but to a different culture and provide perspective for web and instructional design that is sometimes overlooked.

The idea of a rotating chairmanship was suggested. It would provide greater diversity of agendas and perspectives. If we can get a majority of council members present at the next meeting we should vote on these issues.

Grubb will try to set the next meeting for February.