

LMIS - Library, Media, and Information Systems

The meeting was called to order by chair Andrew Nierman at 15:05, September 22, 2006.

Present were LMIS members (or representatives) Randy Bentson, *Patrick O'Neil*, John Hanson, Lotus Perry, Randy Thornton (representing Norm Imamshah), Andrew Nierman, Renée De Voursney, Alyce DeMarais (representing Kris Bartanen), Karen Fischer, Bill Dasher, and Katherine Smith. Peggy Firman was present as a guest.

There was some discussion of the 'official' mailing list. Bartanen and Altorfor are to remain on the list although they are regularly represented by DeMarais and DeVoursney. Other interested parties are to be included as well.

Minutes were approved after some corrections were noted.

Karin Fischer distributed "Annual Goals 2006-2007" and referred to point to Goal 5, Goal 9, and Goal 10 as of interest to LMIS. Some periodicals no longer bundle electronic with paper copies, so we're shifting to electronic only in spite of larger cost. There is an upgrade to Simon in process, with an internal upgrade (no visual change) in October. A trial offering should be available in the spring, and feedback will drive changes or preserve the system. Refworks to be available for entire year. Fischer and two others will attend a March 2007 workshop in Portland, OR titled "2007 Transformation of the College Library Workshop". It will address improving and increasing information literacy.

Bentson reported that there appeared to be no policy regarding continuing access to e-mail by emeritis faculty and other faculty and staff who are no longer with the university. DeMarais pointed out that this may be dealt with by the retirement policy. Thornton reports that there is a practice for extinguishing access, but he doesn't know if there a policy had been published. Bentson is to investigate further.

Thornton reported on the current state of Blackboard. He first noted that the model has expanded beyond simple course management, and is thus called Learning Management Systems. He's worked on Blackboard over the summer to deal with some problems, but other problems (such as the ability to delete own courses as well as other's courses) remain. The current major problem is that the server is running out of space...and the server cannot be expanded. This is because old course material is not purged. He would like to clean stuff up. There are 490 of 800 courses served by Blackboard, used by 131 instructors and 2328 students in last 30 days. Thornton is looking for direction for how to deal with old courses: both for faculty and students. Another issue is that with persistent courses material whose access should be limited due to copyright restrictions isn't being handled well. Hanson noted that some of these issues may be dealt with by establishing formal policies. An interim, Thornton will discuss (obsolete course materials) with the related chairs. Nierman asked Thornton to return next meeting.

DeMarais will distribute material by email on copyright policy, wireless plan, and TPG.

Meeting was adjourned at 16:11

Respectfully submitted, Randy Bentson