

## SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

April 3, 2013

The SLIS Alumni Board meeting was preceded by a conversation with Dr. Lawrence Poos (Acting Dean of SLIS), Dr. Youngok Choi (SLIS Associate Dean for Academic Programs), Bill Kules (SLIS Associate Dean for Research and Administration), and Association for Graduate Library and Information Science Students (AGLISS) President Liz Greeley, about the status of the CUA Provost's proposal to merge SLIS into a department of the CUA School of Arts and Sciences.

The SLIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 8:14 p.m. in the Marist Hall Stone Conference room. In attendance were: Rob Schneider (presiding); Chris Corrigan; Mark Brzozowski; Robin Foltz; Nzinga Holley-Harris (via teleconference); Alison Shea (via teleconference); Carter Rawson; Jean Lee; and Kathy Kelly.

### *Review of Previous Minutes*

The minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting were approved.

### *Webpage/Email Updates*

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved February 2013 meeting minutes had been posted on the SLIS Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); that the Stone Lecture page (<http://slis.cua.edu/people/stonelecture.cfm>) had been updated with information on the upcoming 2013 lecture; and that March updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/category/news/alumni/>). She noted that the Raymond Von Dran Memorial Award information page will need to be updated soon.

## **Old Business**

### *Committee Reports – Mentoring Event*

Mark Brzozowski reported that there had been a good turnout for the March 20<sup>th</sup> event featuring 6 SLIS alumni speaking on their experience with non-traditional jobs for librarians in the federal government; that FEDLINK Executive Director Blane Dessy had provided the opening and closing remarks; that attendees had stayed late for networking; and that there had been a good amount of food. The event was later featured in the March updates on the SLIS Alumni News page.

### *Alumni Socials at large conferences*

Chris Corrigan noted that in regard to holding a SLIS gathering Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> at the upcoming American Library Association (ALA) conference in Chicago, that ALA had sent out an email about 4 alumni reunions including ours. Rob Schneider reported that in regard to the Computers in Libraries (CIL) conference next week, he will put up a message for the dinearound at Buca di Beppo for Wednesday night, the last night of the conference. Robin Foltz will prepare a flyer about the gathering for the upcoming Stone Lecture.

### *Stone Lecture – Final Details*

Rob Schneider reported that there had been at least 50 RSVPs. He noted we need to make arrangements for the filming, and Mark Brzozowski agreed to contact CPIT to arrange to borrow a camera so he could film the event if needed. Mark also noted he had obtained the Powerpoint slides from Blane Dessy. Robin Foltz noted the lecture program is at the printer, that it will have color, and that there will also be flyers available about the Computers in Libraries dinearound and on an upcoming Town Hall meeting about the status of the proposal about the future of SLIS. Rob Schneider

noted that the refreshments had been approved by the School today, and that he had viewed the room in preparation for the event.

#### *Von Dran Award*

Chris Corrigan agreed to prepare an introduction on the purpose of the award and background on Raymond Von Dran to introduce the award recipient. Kathy Kelly agreed to look into whether a CUA Photographer could be available to take photos.

#### *Attendance at CUA university-wide alumni recognition event*

Mark Brzozowski reported that he, Jean Lee, and Kathy Kelly would be attending the April 13<sup>th</sup> event which would feature SLIS alumna Lea Uhre (MSLS 2002) as a CUA Alumni Achievement Award recipient, and that he had provided this information to Bill Kules, to help coordinate seating with Lea and her guests.

#### *Proposal to merge SLIS into Arts and Sciences*

The Board agreed to reach out to SLIS alumni to let them know they could contact Rob Schneider to submit concerns and questions about the Provost's proposal about SLIS, to add to an existing list he had prepared to be submitted to Dean Poos in preparation for a Town Hall meeting.

### **New Business**

#### *Board Calendar for Spring/Summer*

Rob Schneider noted that SLIS graduation would take place May 18<sup>th</sup>, and he would address the graduates to welcome them into alumni life. The Board noted that Orientation is usually the last week of August, so we are interested in hosting a summer picnic for that time. The Board also agreed to think about some informal summer socials at different venues for networking purposes.

The Board agreed that the next meeting would be held Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.