

LIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

April 8, 2014

The LIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Columbus School of Law Stone Room. In attendance were: Chris Corrigan (presiding); Mark Brzozowski; Katherine Stinson; Elizabeth Mariani; Rob Schneider; Jean Lee; and Kathy Kelly.

Review of Previous Minutes

Chris Corrigan moved to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting; Mark Brzozowski seconded; motion passed.

Webpage/Email Updates

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved February 2014 meeting minutes had been posted on the Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); that some there had been no March updates, but she was seeking April updates to be posted on the LIS web site's Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/category/news/alumni/>).

Update from Dr. Kules (via Chris)

Chris Corrigan reported that the faculty is doing a lot of work on the accreditation review. They're figuring out what data they want to collect and are selecting people to serve on stakeholder committees. They will have a place on the LIS web site to keep students and alumni informed. Enrollment for the LIS program is down, for both summer institutes and other classes. They're looking for other avenues to attract students like big data, analytics, etc., to reach people who may not traditionally seek out an LIS program.

Old Business

Stone Lecture Recap

Chris Corrigan thanked Elizabeth Mariani for making arrangements for arranging to have the Photographer and Videographer there. He also thanked Rob Schneider for buying beer, wine and flowers, and for his closing speech at the end. He thanked Ana Elisa de Campos Salles for giving a fantastic introduction to Barrie Howard, and noted Barrie gave a great acceptance speech as well. He thanked Kathy Kelly for providing a copy of the previous Stone Lecture program; Mark Brzozowski for advocating for the Stone Scholarship Fund, and Jean Lee and Kathy for taking care of obtaining the plaque and getting it corrected. Board members discussed the arrangement of the room, attendance, and marketing of the event. Some of the people who RSVPed did not show up. Board members discussed whether the day of the week should be different, and noted we should have had name tags, in order to help track attendance. Chris thought the lecture was very successful, and attendees commented that it was a great event. ALA President Barbara Stripling did a great job speaking on Library Advocacy. The Caldwell Auditorium is undergoing renovation, and will probably be better by next year. It handles a hundred seats, with a mingling area and food area. Consensus was that we should book another room now for next year. Next year is the 25th Anniversary of the Stone Lecture. Chris brought in 8 envelopes to go to Office of Institutional Advancement, which will set aside the funds for the Stone Scholarship. There is a base amount in the fund which is not used; LIS likes to give out only what it accrues in interest. We don't know the details of how the department gives it out. It's a

discretionary fund, to be given out by the Department as needed. The Board agreed that Friday, April 3, 2015 is a day we may want to target as a potential lecture date for next year, and Ana Elisa de Campos Salles is thinking about potential speakers for next year.

ALA Annual

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles was approved by her workplace to go to ALA Annual. ALA is not expecting a high turn-out. Chris Corrigan doesn't think we can do an event like we did last year. and Bill Kules suggested we take part in an ALISE Cooperative reunion. Chris noted Bill said LIS would pay for two tables. We don't have to ask AGLISS for money, and there will be music and food available. Ana Elisa is happy to help promote such an event. The date of the event is June 29, 2014. Chris moved that we take part in this event; Katherine Stinson seconded; motion passed.

Mentoring Event April 23

In regard to the preliminary plan to have another student mentoring event featuring HIT connections on April 23rd, Ana Elisa de Campos Salles hasn't heard from any potential speakers. Chris Corrigan has emailed LIS administrative staff about potential arrangements, and has not heard back yet. Elizabeth Mariani has a list of HIT faculty and other HIT connections, but hasn't been able to reach people yet. The Board decided we will revisit this event in the fall, and that the Mentoring Committee would meet after tonight's meeting to discuss it further. We can promote the Fall event during the Summer Picnic.

New Business

AGLISS/Picnic

AGLISS meets April 28th, the last meeting of the school year, and Chris Corrigan and Rob Schneider will be going. Chris will ask them for funds for the picnic. We may wish to have more of a sense of working together, and encourage the partnership more. Rob suggested getting some emails to them before the AGLISS meeting, so they can vote on supporting the picnic during their meeting. Saturday, August 23, 2014 will be the date of the picnic.

Commencement Ceremony

Graduation will be Saturday, May 17th. Chris Corrigan will speak to the students, and Rob Schneider will try to be available as a support person. It was noted that the ceremony will be different this year, since LIS will now be with Arts & Sciences. We can discuss more details at our May meeting.

Next Meeting

The Board agreed that the next Board meeting will be Monday, May 12, 2014, possibly at an off-site location, such as Bistro D'OC.

Chris moved to adjourn, Rob seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.