

## SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

May 7, 2013

The SLIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Marist Hall Stone Conference room. In attendance were: Rob Schneider (presiding); Robin Foltz; Mark Brzozowski; Ana Elisa da Campos Salles; Nzinga Holley-Harris; Carter Rawson; Jean Lee; Liz Greeley; Lea Harrison; Bill Kules; and Kathy Kelly.

### *Review of Previous Minutes*

The minutes from the April 3, 2013 meeting were approved, with an option to submit edits later.

### *Webpage/Email Updates*

Kathy Kelly noted that the approved March 2013 meeting minutes had been posted on the SLIS Alumni Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); and that April updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/april-2013-slis-alumni-news/>).

## Old Business

### *Committee Reports – Mentoring Event*

Bill Kules commented on how the recent student mentoring event relates to the SLIS Strategic Plan. He noted that the plan calls for the development of an alumni mentoring program for incoming students; and that the strategic plan also calls for developing pre-professional work opportunities for students. He thought that SLIS could benefit from the alumni network to identify potential mentors and work opportunities for students. Ana Elisa da Campos Salles suggested that the SLIS Alumni Board seek to find alumni available to be available as alumni contacts. The Board also discussed supporting the mentoring initiative by recruiting new graduates, and also setting up a panel on specific types of librarianship, featuring alumni speakers.

### *Alumni Socials at large conferences*

The Board discussed the prospect of bringing CUA Alumni Association cards to library conferences, which would collect data for input into the CUA Alumni Association database. Bill Kules noted that if the Board ever needed data from the CUA Alumni Relations office, it could be helpful to send the request to him, and he could send it on to Dean Poos. The Board also discussed the alumni contacts relational database they have on Rob Schneider's laptop, noting that perhaps we should maintain maintain archives in a Google account on the cloud, using a spreadsheet for a basic contact list.

The Board also discussed the SLIS reception to occur at the Intercontinental Hotel during the ALA conference, noting that the Association of Graduate Library and Information Science Students (AGLISS) can donate more money to make up for the CUA Alumni Association now being able to provide only \$300 towards the event. The Board also discussed the recent Computers in Libraries conference (CIL) dinearound, where several SLIS alumni had met for dinner at Buca di Beppo. They noted we should get a dinearound on the CIL calendar for next year, and that one doesn't have to attend the CIL conference to attend the dinearound.

### *Stone Lecture – Follow-up/Von Dran Award*

The Board discussed options for publicizing future Stone Lectures, noting they could publicize them more widely to the university community, and that the new communications planning SLIS is doing could help the Board get word out on the CUA campus. Regarding the 2013 lecture, Rob Schneider noted that there had been about 65 attendees, that the food was well done, and that he was proud of the

quality of the speaker (Blane Dessy), the Von Dran Award winner (Martin Kalfatovic), and the entire SLIS Alumni Association. Robin Foltz suggested the Board try to get an extra table for use at future lectures. Bill Kules suggested the Board run dates for future lectures past Dean Poos of the School of Arts and Sciences, so he can identify any potential conflicts with other university events. The Board also noted that the 2013 lecture had brought in \$1,785 for the Stone Scholarship Fund.

*Attendance at CUA university-wide alumni recognition event*

Mark Brzozowski reported that he, Jean Lee, and Kathy Kelly had attended the April 13<sup>th</sup> event which would recognize SLIS alumna Lea Uhre (MSLS 2002) as a CUA Alumni Achievement Award recipient, that he had accepted this award on Lea's behalf, since she was absent due to illness, and that he had read her statement thanking the university and SLIS for the award at the event.

*Proposal to merge SLIS into Arts and Sciences*

The Board noted that the School had held a second Town Hall meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, at which the Provost Dr. Brennan and Dean Poos had spoken, that the event had been informative and had had a good showing of alumni, and that Dean Poos had described how SLIS would function within the School of Arts and Sciences. The Board discussed the prospect of whether an alumni task force or other options such as utilizing part of the SLIS web site to post information could help channel information to SLIS alumni during this transition.

**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, and would get CUA alumni pins through Louise Gray. The Board noted that Student Orientation is scheduled for Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, and that we are interested in hosting a summer picnic for that time. Rob Schneider noted that the last picnic had been a simple lunch catered by Aramark, and asked the Board to think about whether the event should be more of a real picnic with a larger alumni presence in the future. 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, June 11, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.