

SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes May 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: John Danneker (presiding); Marianne Giltrud; Robin Foltz; Mark Brzozowski; Carter Rawson; Jean Lee; Bill Kules; and Kathy Kelly.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting were approved with several edits.

Webpage Updates

Robin Foltz noted she will ask Matt Banta to remove the upcoming SLIS Alumni Board meetings section of the SLIS Alumni index page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/>), since the information is outdated. Kathy Kelly noted that some April updates had been posted on the SLIS Alumni News page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/alumnews.cfm>); and that the approved minutes from the March meeting had been posted on the Board Documents page (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>), along with updated lists of SLIS Alumni who have won the CUA Alumni Achievement Award, and SLIS Outstanding Graduates.

Continued Business

Reports/continued discussion of 30th/100th anniversary year events in 2011

1. *Where events currently stand* – Marianne Giltrud discussed plans for the October 20th library luminaries panel, noting there is a room scheduled in the Pryzbyla building. She noted that for the September 30th gala event, the steering committee was thinking of asking a speaker who would speak only briefly and with a broad perspective on libraries. The Board discussed other details of these events, such as a prospect for a rotating slide show like the one that had been featured at Dean Kim Kelley's goodbye party; the School's work on a menu for the gala; tying in these events with the SLIS Colloquium during the Fall; ways to make the anniversary tote bags, mugs, and commemorative booklet available during and after these events; and progress on component parts of the commemorative booklet. Carter Rawson noted that about half the booklet may be devoted to current events at SLIS, and the other half to more historic content.
2. *Do we want to bring in DC Public Library* – In regard to the prospect of involvement of DCPL in these events, in light of its role in early library science education on the campus, the Board agreed to address this question later on.

New Business

Communicating amongst ourselves as a board and with SLIS

The Board agreed to hold this topic for a future occasion, other than noting the Board has a Gmail address and Google Docs account for doing internal business.

Planning for summer and next academic year

1. *Summer meetings* – The Board agreed to meet at 7 pm instead of 6:30 pm during the summer months, and that the next meeting would be Tuesday, June 7th.
2. *Picnic thoughts and history* – John Danneker noted that during December the Board had

discussed roles of the Board, annual events, and how the Board works with the School. The Board reviewed that SLIS picnics in the past few years have occurred on or near orientation weekend; that they utilized a mix of Association of Graduate Library and Information Science Students (AGLISS) and School funds; that they are a venue for alumni to mingle with students; and that they can be a doorway for alumni mentoring of students. Bill Kules noted that the Blended Learning Committee is looking at issues re: orientation for the Online and Weekend Learning (OWL) program, noting that a Saturday orientation may be helpful to OWL student schedules.

Graduation reminders

John Danneker noted that he will speak for a few minutes at the May 14th SLIS graduation, and will be in the receiving line to give CUA pins to students. Board members who would like to attend were asked to be on site by 11 am, and were encouraged to mingle with students.