

SLIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes November 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Pryz building, room 323. In attendance were: Robin Foltz (presiding); John Danneker; Rob Schneider, Professor Jane Zhang, Carter Rawson, and Nzinga Harris, (by teleconference).

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the October 11, 2011 meeting were approved.

Webpage Updates

Robin Foltz reported that Kathy Kelly had notified her that the approved minutes from the September 2011 meeting had been posted on the Board Documents page. Robin also reported that Matt Banta is working on getting the luminaries booklet posted on the webpage.

Continued Business

Review of Luminaries Panel

The board discussed the luminaries panel and concluded that it was a successful event. John Danneker suggested that in the future we need to do more preplanning to make the event less stressful – possibly holding an online meeting shortly before the event to discuss the final preparations.

Planning for Christmas Party

Robin Foltz and Carter Rawson confirmed that Busboys and Poets is booked for 12/16. Jane Zhang verified that AGLISS is on board with the plans. Final verification of the event and payment will come in the next few weeks. The board discussed the plan for the evening, decided to keep it social and unstructured. Rob Schneider volunteered to coordinate the raffle prizes, and Jane Zhang and Robin Foltz will coordinate with the school about having them donate prizes. There will be no cookie bakeoff this year due to the rules about outside food at Busboys and Poets.

Possible SLIS Mentoring Program and CHIM Practicum

Jane Zhang explained the school is planning to implement a new CHIME program that will require a practicum. The School would like to discuss the possibility of a mentoring program, possibly a one-on-one program but more likely a career panel model. Carter Rawson mentioned the new head of career services might help with a new program. The board discussed more possibilities for mentoring, including how to match alumni with student, distance mentoring ideas, and how to network. The board decided that the first step should be to get some names of interested alumni at the Christmas party then contact them later with details. Robin Foltz will work up a sign up sheet for the party.

Service Volunteering Ideas

John Danneker suggested having a monthly time for students and alumni to volunteer at different places, (DCPL etc.) Discussion will continue at future meetings.

New Business

Communicating amongst ourselves as a board

Due to time constraints, this was tabled for the next meeting.

Upcoming Board Meeting

The Board agreed the next Board meeting would be the second Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Zhang will take care of booking a room.