MCCLPHEI Membership Meeting  
February 20, 2015  
10:00 am  
Framingham State University

MINUTES

Attending:

Mary Dixey, Holyoke Community College; Terrance Burton, UMass Dartmouth; Susan Cirillo, Salem State University; Richard Felver, Berkshire Community College; Jeanmarie Fraser, Cape Cod Community College; Maureen Horak, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; Andrea MacRitchie, Quinsigamond Community College; Bonnie Mitchell, Framingham State University; Mary Ann Niles, Middlesex Community College; Daniel Ortiz, UMass Boston; Karen Pangallo, North Shore Community College; Mary Piorun, UMass Medical School; Thomas Raffensperger, Westfield State University; Robert Rezendes, Bristol Community College; Leslie Button, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Michael A. Somers, Bridgewater State University;

Welcome and introductions:
Dr. Burton welcomed everyone and each attendee introduced themselves.

Initially, there was no quorum, so the group proceeded on an informal basis, hoping a quorum would eventually be reached (it was).

Minutes were reviewed but not approved.

Treasurer's Report
Few transactions; all memberships paid  
Balance $34,505.03  
Quarterly and annual report attached

Honoraria discussion:
Conference committee asked about an amount available for honoraria and costs for conference. A proposal was made for $5,000.  
A quorum was reached at this point with the arrival of more attendees.  
The proposal was made again, for authorizing the Conference Committee to spend $5,000 maximum on speakers, to include both honoraria and expenses, without coming back to board for approval. If the Conference Committee wishes to spend more than $5,000, they must come back to the Membership for approval. The measure was approved.

Minutes of November meeting were approved.

The group discussed a speaker contract, to include rights to video record and disseminate the recording, according to the speaker’s wishes. The choices on the form


include permission to broadcast the video recording and notes publicly, permission to show the video recording to MCCLPHEI institution employees, no permission, or “other” as stipulated.

EAST (previously NERD) update:
Dr. Burton described the initiative, and the role of retention partners and supporting partners. There were questions about how it works. A first analysis of collections is necessary before having the data to answer those questions. Attendees encouraged to visit the now extensive EAST website for further information and to keep up on new developments.

Commonwealth Card
Mike Somers discussed the survey from MBLC, Paul Kissman. These are in regard to series of recommendations made by the committee to investigate the Commonwealth Card. The survey asks about giving academic libraries the option of participating. Use of the card (as proposed) will exclude non-circulating materials and licensed electronic resources.

Commonwealth catalog
Mike Somers described this replacement of the Massachusetts Virtual Catalog. The rollout will be around April 1 or April 6. Staff are trained centrally and then at sites.

Update on summer conference [committee]
Save the date for June 18-19. One speaker has been secured: Trudy Jacobsen: New frameworks for information literacy. It will be made clear to her that the audience is administrators. Securing a second speaker has been a challenge. Use Experience was suggested as a subject for the second speaker. The members were encouraged to forward suggestions to Bob, Andrea, and Barbara. Martha Kyrillidou was suggested for assessment. ACRL might see some good speakers, and members will keep their eyes open there. ARL assessment conference may also be a good source. Meeting with NEASC representatives about the new standards was also suggested as a possibility.

Elections of new officers.
Susan stepping down as treasurer. If you have any interest, please contact Michael Somers.

Collaboration with MLS and the e-book projects [All]
Many libraries are not participating. MBLC and Cape Cod are members through their networks. It could have value for academics by reducing ILL. The system is a one title-one-user model. Cost is an issue for many. Size and currency of collection is very attractive. Overdrive described as “useless” by several members. UMass Boston uses patron-driven and rental of e-books. Some users complain about the format and userability issues, but they get a lot of circulation. UMass Boston is mostly commuters, could not afford a 24/7 library, so they have emphasized e-resources. Bridgewater does not see that high a usage for e-books. Will discuss this issue more at next meeting.
NEASC [Daniel Ortiz]:
Peter Langer is head of the steering committee at NEASC on the new standards. Assertions include: that Learning Commons are replacing libraries. Mary Piorun also saw a similar email about the study. Technology is being spread out among the standards. The alleged assertion was that if technology is spread out, that libraries do not need to be included at all. Patricia O’Brien of NEASC has offered to speak to MCCLPHEI. Timelines are available on the NEASC website. Terry will find a letter that was sent from MCCLPHEI last time there was a proposed change. Bonnie will find that and send it out. Terry will draft an initial response indicating our interest.

Proposal to devote half our meeting in April to this, and invite a NEASC representative. Mary Dixey, who recently came from Connecticut, suggested we might contact the Library Directors (pubic and private) group there. Mary will get contact information to Terry.

PACE
Judy Silvia and Betty Ann Learned from PACE joined us (Betty Ann by phone). Pace is a collaboration among the community colleges and state universities, 24 institutions, to seek efficiency in operations by joining forces. PACE did a “spend assessment”. An IT assessment has already been done. There is also a very active HR group. Judy meets with these groups monthly. Title IX training is a priority right now for PACE. When they did the spend analysis, CFOs identified library management software as a high-cost item. The members discussed how they are realizing savings on this area through consortia and other arrangements. What is PACE doing with UMass institutions? CIO training was done by PACE. Libraries have been working through MCCLPHEI, WALDO, and negotiate with EBSCO for better prices. Turnitin (anti-plagiarism software) was discussed as an example of collaboration. MCCLPHEI has negotiated caps to increases annual subscription costs. Other systems to consider for greater efficiency: print management systems, student ID card systems, software for tracking students at risk, identity management.

IPEDS / NEASC / LibAnalytics:
IPEDS due in April. Read the e-mail that Maureen sent, has the step-by-step instructions for LibAnalytics.

Statewide database contracts were briefly discussed. Mary Dixey: in Connecticut they changed the state contract to EBSCO. Sighs of longing among members.

Information literacy standards:
Is there a connection between IL and our conversation with NEASC? At Bridgewater, the institutional assessment office has been working with librarians on revising rubrics to assess capstone projects. Creating overall rubrics for various skills that faculty will have access to in the areas of IL, Critical Thinking, Quantitative Thinking and Qualitative Thinking. They are working in writing-intensive programs with capstone courses. Michael Somers will share rubrics with the group. Path is unclear with ACRL, so status
of IL Frameworks is uncertain.

**Professional development update:**
The group discussed bringing staff to annual meetings. The annual meeting is primarily for directors, but we can also present the same content (e.g. information literacy frameworks) at staff sessions, perhaps better targeted to that group. Proposal to have a MCCLPHEI librarians’ listserv. Michael contacted Jay about this to see if UMass Amherst would be willing to host. Jay is amenable and Leslie Button will let Jay know that we would like this. We should make it clear that it’s open to everyone.

There was a brief discussion about MBLC certifications and AFSCME position levels and uses in various libraries.

The group adjourned to lunch.