ECU Curriculum Committee
Virtual Meeting 9/25/12

Present: Jami, Tavia, Robin, Lou, Kristin, Jane, John
(John could not hear or be heard; Jane could hear but could not be heard)

Purpose: to help refresh/revise the MLS curriculum at ECU by the end of this academic year

Question: What would an ideal librarian look like?

Comments: should be a leader
should be focused on the help we can offer not the means of that help
should understand how important librarians are
should understand how to relate to people and groups

Jami is thinking that all courses should contain three components/emphases: content, technology, and disposition.
(Later conversation led to thinking that “relationships” or “leadership” might be substituted for “disposition”.)

The need to have leadership qualities, to know how to motivate, and to understand that at times you have to “push” for what you want was discussed.

Mention was made of the need for librarians to understand that relationships are always important in one’s professional life; that librarians nowadays must be detail-oriented and able to multitask, that knowing how to assess what we do is important, and that knowing how to collaborate is important.

Mention was made of the new NC standards for school librarians and the new evaluation tool.

John Maxwell’s book on leadership was mentioned as a good book that says leadership is influence and relationships.

The ability to communicate was mentioned and some discussion held on the ability to write well.

Going forward:
Jami will email us all the pathways for school, public, and academic librarians.
Tavia will get up a workspace in Google.Docs for us.
Jane will send out these abbreviated minutes. (Please edit as necessary.)
We will look at what other library schools are doing, noting what we like or don’t:
Kristin will look at NCCU’s curriculum
Jane will look at UNC-G’s
Robin will look at UNC-CH’s
Tavia will look at App State’s

Next meeting: Tuesday Oct 23.