DLS Faculty Planning Meeting
August 24, 2011 1:30pm

Attending: Jami Jones, Barbara Marson, Gail Munde, Patrick Valentine, John Harer, Al Jones, Elaine Yontz

Absent: Larry Boyer, Kaye Dotson, Ruth Clark

After announcements and a brief update on the status of the program’s COA report, faculty examined and discussed the current MLS program Mission and Goals statements, and their alignment with COE and ECU Mission Statements.

The primary discussion was on the topic of including a focus on research, publication and creative activity in the current DLS Goals Statement, which is:

1. To teach the principles, practices and technologies of library science
2. To prepare professionals to meet the information needs of individuals and groups in a diverse global society
3. To impart the values of service, leadership, and partnership with communities and the profession as a whole

After discussion, faculty agreed upon proposed changes to the Goals Statement, as below. Faculty preferred the term scholarship to specific outcomes of scholarship, i.e., research and publication, and believed all scholarship could be considered a creative activity.

1. To teach the principles, practices and technologies of library science
2. To prepare professionals to meet the information needs of individuals and groups in a diverse global society
3. To engage continuously in scholarship and service
4. To impart the values of service, leadership, and partnership with communities and the profession as a whole.

Because of time and schedule constraints, no external stakeholder representatives were able to join the August 24 Planning meeting, and faculty suggested the following activities to solicit and respond to external opinions and suggestions on proposed changes to the DLS Goals Statement:

Distribute the proposed Goals Statement via the current student listserv and the alumni listserv and solicit comments, suggestions and discussion.

Distribute the proposed Goals Statement to the list of persons who have been suggested as Program Advisory Board members (attached)

Include the proposed Goals Statement for discussion during an ALA Student Chapter meeting.
Post the proposed Goals Statement on the DLS Website with a request for comments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.