Welcome and MLS Program Coordinator’s Report:

I. Welcome: MLS Degree Program Advisory Board – Dr. Scott Glass, IPD Department Chair
   a. Dr. Glass welcomed the board and thanked them for insight which helps the MLS program with keeping accreditation.
   b. Dr. Glass shared his perspective as department chair:
      i. MLS program was one of three programs in the department last year. It was a little worrisome knowing there were 4 position to fill, how this would change the program.
      ii. Dr. Glass stated this is his 6th year as department chair and he understands the need for more financial support to the MLS program because it is important for accreditation. He stated that the MLS program has the most students of any graduate program in College of Ed. This puts the program in a position to ask for vacant faculty positions because of the need to keep accreditation.

II. Program Overview - Dr. Dotson
   a. Dr. Dotson thanked everyone for coming and thanked Dr. Glass for supporting the MLS program. Dr. Glass added that accreditation is important and stressed that we got it because of the faculty, who go to conferences and present. Our program is strong because of the faculty as much as it is strong because of accreditation.
   b. New faculty introduced themselves.
   c. Dr. Dotson shared awards and honors.
      i. Awards & Honors:

2. **Rita Soulen**: Received a $10,000 grant from AASL for CLASS II: Field Study - causal research in an authentic school setting. Rita is NxtWave Scholar and also serves on the AASL Practice committee.

3. **Al Jones**: Nominated for Lifetime Achievement Award. Won’t be awarded until February or so. Article in NC Libraries. One of three winners of the Ray Moore Award for a different article.


5. **Africa Hands**: accepted to participate in the Early Career Colloquium taking place at the iSchool conference in Boras, Sweden.

6. **Barbara Marson**: Co-chair of the IRRT (International Relations Roundtable). Member of the IFLA BSLISE (Building Strong Library & Information Science Education) working group, comprised of LS educators worldwide. Advisory Board for the Central Carolina CC associate degree library program.

7. Dr. Bright shared her involvement with IFLA and data analysis of library programs.

8. Dr. Colón-Aguirre shared about her article that was recently published.

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**III. ECU MLS 2019-2020 Student Chapter: President James McConnell**

- Dr. Dotson introduced Jim McConnell and announced that Mónica is the advisor. Jim talked about the holiday book drive which is collecting books for the Community School at South Greenville Elementary. He mentioned spring projects. One project is doing a panel webinar of the faculty and having current students write in questions. He calls this a student townhall. Dr. Dotson mentioned we are the first program not accredited by ALA to have a student ALA chapter.

**IV. Visiting Scholar Report - Fadekemi Oyewusi**

- Dr. Oyewusi shared her *summary of her accomplishments* since being a part of the ECU MLS faculty.

**V. The members of the committee introduced themselves. Senator Don Davis commented on the talent of the committee members. He emphasized his support for libraries.**

**VI. Dr. Dotson asked the members to review the minutes. Dr. Colón-Aguirre asked that her name be corrected. Jan Lewis asked for “smart city” to be deleted because she isn’t familiar with what is a smart city. Meredith suggested correcting the spelling of Joanna Gerakios’ name.**
**News and Announcements:**

**VII.** Summer and Fall admissions and enrollment update – Dr. Lou Sua
a. Dr. Dotson shared Dr. Sua’s notes - Fall 2019 – 219 students enrolled. Admitted 68 new students with 3 new admits. We have 30 graduating in December. We have 17 new admits for Spring 2020. We want to get new admits up to 30 for spring.

**VIII.** Study abroad and International Internships - Dr. Dotson & Dr. Barbara Marson
a. Study abroad - Italy in 2019
b. Study abroad – Portugal in 2020:
   i. This will be our 4th study abroad. We may not stick to the cycle of places we travel to because of interests of new faculty. Dr. Dotson stressed the importance of the value of study abroad.
c. American Library of Paris Internship - 2018, 2019, 2020:
   i. Dr. Dotson announced that we have 2 interns. We have to be sure that we are meeting the requirement of DPI with study abroad students.

**Business:**

**IX.** Recruitment and Advertising
a. Dr. Dotson stated we are advertising on NPR and …. We have a Google ad but the details are murky. The faculty have been attending conferences and recruiting and getting our name out. We attend public library meetings and paraprofessional sessions. These are places where a lot of new recruits come from.
b. Dr. Dotson asked for suggestions from the board members. No suggestions.
c. She offered the members any time they need us to let her know.

**X.** Curriculum update 2019-2020 - Dr. Barbara Marson
a. Certificate programs and Dual Degree Planning
   i. We are working on dual degree planning. We have a certificate with the Adult Ed program. Jan Lewis got us started with a dual degree in Social Work. Another certificate area is Librarianship in Global Studies. Dr. Dotson asked members for other areas of certificates. Dr. Bright mentioned Health Sciences is much needed area and we can increase recruitment with this certificate.
b. Wise Education System – Laura Mangum
   i. Laura Mangum reported that WISE is a consortium of 12-13 other universities, across the nation, that have MLS programs. Through WISE our students can take elective courses at these other universities. The WISE program allows us to broaden the offering of electives and allows students to pursue special interests.
c. Board discussion on the curriculum
i. We now have added the following courses based on the suggestions from the Advisory Board: Digital Libraries course, Electronic Resources course, Library Advocacy, Services to Diverse & Special Populations, and ________.

ii. Dr. Marson – Dr. Dotson shared Dr. Marson’s information. We have three pathways, which are called areas of focus, but now they are concentrations. The concentrations are school librarianship, academic librarianship and public librarianship.

iii. Dr. Dotson asked for suggestions from the members for additional certificates to pursue. Jennifer Daughtery asked if we have partnered with the history program to do a dual degree. Dr. Dotson said we have done that. We choose 3 courses and history choose 3 courses and they ran this through the graduate school. We will find out the details and report this to the advisory board. Meredith Hill suggested diverse populations/underserved population. David Miller suggested library administration certificate such as business admin, budgeting/financing, politics. Meredith suggested an educational tech certificate. Mr. Mayo suggested using STEM as a hook for a certificate. T. Baggett echoed the need for STEAM librarians.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Minutes prepared by Laura Mangum

Campus map: http://www.ecu.edu/docs/maps/main_campus.pdf We will meet in Ragsdale Hall, Room 218A. Ragsdale is Building 85 on the map at the above link

Driving directions: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/admissions/visit/visit-parking-directions.cfm