Master of Library Science Program
Program Meeting Agenda
April 7, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Dr. Dotson, Dr. Bright, Dr. Hands, Dr. Colón-Aquirre, Dr. Sua, Dr. Soulen, Dr. Marson, Dr. Oyewusi,
Meeting called to order at 10:00 am
Location: WebEx

I. Welcome

II. Program meeting news/information
   a. Approval of Minutes – Africa made a motion to accept the minutes, Laura seconded the motion. The motion passed
   b. Faculty News - Africa had a proposal accepted by ALISE, Monica and Kawanna presented in Mexico at IFLA conference, Rita had two articles published and featured by ALA, Rita has also been attending the ALA townhalls and attending webinars. Lou working with her church and High Point University, looking at 12 people and received a $20,000 grant to work with African American women to help them build skills so they can get jobs in the community.
   c. Program Concentration Coordinators - Kaye gave some history of the concentration program coordinators when the MLS program was it’s own department. Africa asked what is the role of the coordinator. Kaye asked Rita to share what she envisioned. Barbara added that she sees it more curriculum based, reviewing the course objectives, the progression of the courses. Kaye added that previously it was informal, it is keeping tabs on your area, it can be called something else. I would be interested in also working with Africa on the Public concentration b/c there's a lot of overlap with what I teach in Collection Development and 6135 and 6137. Barbara suggested calling it something other than coordinator. Kawanna agreed.
      i. School’s Concentration: Program Coordinator Rita Soulen
      ii. Public Concentration:
      iii. Academic Concentration

III. Accreditation Work
   a. Link:
      http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/sites/ala.org.educationcareers/files/content/standards/Standards_2019_ALA_Council-adopted_01-28-2019.pdf  Kaye presented this resource for faculty to use when preparing their presentation for ALA visit. Can be used to copy and paste an outline from. It is the same document that Kaye posted in Teams. Barbara added that she is planning to create a loose plan for everyone to follow. Africa added ALISE is having a webinar in June on accreditation with a faculty member from UNCG.
   b. Summer Plans

IV. Global Webinar
   a. Barbara met Jamie Leiblewist who is in charge of Global Affairs. Jamie and Barbara are going to put together a global webinar. Barbara has gotten confirmations from three people to speak. She focused on the libraries where we have done study abroad. They are going to talk about
how their libraries have coped with the COVID-19 pandemic. The speakers are:
Audrey Chapuis, Director of the American Library in Paris
Bruno Eiras, Head of Public Libraries in Lisbon
Liliana Silva, Director of the School Library Network in Portugal
Dr. Anna Maria Tammaro, Retired Professor, University of Parma (Italy)
and Editor-in-Chief of Digital Library Perspectives

It will be in early June – date TBD. I’m emailing everyone for possible input and suggestions as I proceed. I would especially like advice on promotion, but any suggestions are welcome. It will probably run approximately 2 hours to allow time for Q and A.

V. Committee Reports & Updates

a. Curriculum:
   i. Curriculog - Barbara reported that the wording “concentrations” will be added back in to the new catalog. Monica stated that the new catalog is published each summer.
   ii. Course rotation draft and review - Barbara introduced the discussion and reviewed the proposed plan. We will discuss in more detail at the curriculum workshop.
   iii. Lead Instructor - Barbara reminded us of the spreadsheet. This will be used to assign courses to instructors.
   iv. Terminology for our MLS objectives (ALA standards use “student learning outcomes” - Barbara stated that we need to discuss and vote on our objectives and standards terminology. ALA uses the terminology to student learning outcomes. Barbara proposes we change the wording from “objectives/standards” to “student learning outcomes.” Kaye added that the ALA booklet calls them objectives, in the booklet under curriculum, 2.3. Kaye proposes we need three columns for goals, objectives, student learning outcomes. Laura asked is there someone at ALA we can ask. Monica added I think this is a recognition of the various terms using by different schools. Here's a link to the Simmons' ones: https://www.simmons.edu/academics/schools-departments/schools-departments/slis/about/learning-outcomes. She worked there when they re-did them and were going to revise Objectives anyway, we just turned them into Learning Outcomes in the project for reaccreditation preparation. Barbara shared the link to our current MLS objectives https://education.ecu.edu/idp/idp-library-science/. Kaye asked about the chart that was made for the first accreditation that shows how every ALA objective was met by some assignment in the program. Kawanna added as written, our program objectives read more like student learning outcomes. If we changed the wording slightly, we could have them read either way. Kaye asked if anyone would like to take the lead on this. Barbara said she would like to put together something that compares 1.2 and 2.3.
   v. Curriculum workshop – Barbara stated that the workshop will take place May 16th 10am-12pm and then 1pm-3pm. We are going to solicit input from students/recent alum on improvements to courses and assignment, etc. During the workshop we are going to look at course rotation, lead instructors, objectives and if there’s time ________.
   vi. Taskstream – Barbara asked that you send updates to Taskstream rubric. She will align objectives/standards to current artifacts. Kaye asked if the artifacts can be changed. Barbara send yes, only thing that can be changed are the reflection questions.
   vii. Unit assessment report – Barbara stated it’s due June 15th. What they want to see are the changes that were made and why the changes were made. They want to see anything that improves student learning, this is their main focus. After evaluating the
assignments, then actions are planned to improve assignments that students scored poorly.

viii. Change in MLS program director – Kaye Dotson is stepping down at the end of July. Barbara Marson is taking on the role of MLS Program director starting in August. Barbara is also taking on the lead role on accreditation this summer (2020). Barbara stressed that is a team effort. She will be spending 3-4 days a week in Greenville b/c she knows it’s important for her to be on campus.

ix. Faculty Position – We are getting a replacement for Lou and an extra position. Barbara stressed that we need a strong public librarian. She also expressed enrollment concerns. Kaye stated that we need a grant that stresses enrollment and brings students in. Kaye said it would be ideal if we can find someone like Lou who is strong in schools and public.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36am

Minutes submitted by Laura Mangum