MILEX Committee Meeting
Friday, June 13, 2008
11AM – 1 PM
Towson University, Cook Library 404B

Present: Thomas Arendall-Salvetti (UB); Susan Cooperstein (Loyola/Notre Dame Library); Sarah Crest (TU); Stephen Ford (SU); Judy Goodyear (CCC); Sean Henry (FSU); Claire Holmes (TU); James Huff (Goucher); Judith Julien-Alexander(Goucher); Marianne Laino (MICA); Jeff Maehre (FSU); Simmona Simmons (UMBC); Randy Smith (Goucher); Robernette Smith (Coppin); Brandy Whitlock (AACC) Guests/Speakers: Barbara Blummer (TU); David Dahl (TU); Amanda Feigley (TU); Lisa Sweeney (TU); ADA Woods (TU); Audrey Cutler (TU)

The minutes for the March 13, 2008 meeting were not reviewed.

DEMO
Demonstration of the Digital Media Classroom
Claire Holmes, Ada Woods & Audrey Cutler (TU Senior Instructional Designer)

Audrey:
- Digital Media system is produced by Sonic Foundry Mediasite. Best use is for local faculty. Other similar product is Tegrity (with site license) which allows recording/creating from home
- This classroom is used for video production, recording anything with a digital feed (video, audio, web, 'Elmo" overhead projector)
- Requires technician in the back of the room to control three cameras
- Presentation is recorded and students can view within 5/6 minutes via the web
- Can expand any section of the display screen to full-view (camera view, PPT presentation)
- Purpose at TU:
  o easy production (for faculty) and easy access (for students)
  o to enhance online learning
  o learning independent of time/space
  o easy creation of reusable learning object without technology burden
- recording reflects the live experience (quick and raw) with very limited editing capabilities

Claire:
- Showed an example of using Digital Media in instruction for a REED 729 course – "Finding Scholarly Reading Research Articles"
- Only 15 of 27 students viewed the presentation, so the evidence supports a preference for face-to-face instruction (can be used as a review)
- Camera work was not smooth. Instructor had to remain still and have all materials close at hand
- Nice features: can jump around to different parts of the presentation and can use a stylus to write on the projected image
- Users needs only an Internet connection and Windows Media Player to view the presentation

Ada:
- Used Digital Media for four classes: Seminar in Reading, Shanghai Education Research & two English 102 courses
- The instructor should carefully consider what he/she wears – bright colors and where to hang the clip microphone
- Take care to be as prepared as possible so that dead space is not created (example: not being able to open e-books)

BUSINESS MEETING

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Report from the Chair
Sarah Crest

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- Request for assistance from Barbara Blummer (doctoral candidate in Instructional Technology at TU / Reference Librarian, Center for Computing Sciences)
    - Barbara presented a brief PowerPoint asking for advice on a research project for IL for Education Department graduate students (PPT may be uploaded on MILEX web site)
- LOEX of the West Report
    - Sarah Crest attended reports that the major emphasis was gaming theory and library services
    - Last speaker pointed out that this is a librarians' watershed, meaning that in the past, when we hear of new technology, we could learn it and use it ourselves. In gaming, we cannot and must rely on the expertise of others

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MILEX 2008 Conference Report
Susan Cooperstein

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- 15-20 submission were received, from which some were chosen (Susan could not elaborate at this time)
- Focus of program is critical thinking, which will attract faculty
    - Received quite a few (too many) submissions on evaluating web sites
    - We do have one faculty expert on critical thinking on board
    - We have Ken Bain as the luncheon speaker
- The program will be finalized by the end of the June
- Publicity materials should be available by August 15, 2008

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Funding Opportunities for MILEX 2008 Conference
Sarah Crest

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- Speculates that the Conference will attract 75-100 people
- Requesting materials support (pens, pencils, notepads, folders, name tag holders, etc.) from participating libraries/institutions
- Asking for ideas on other types of support we could go after (Sarah will contact Lexus dealership to ask for sponsorship)
- Brief discussion about keeping registration cost higher because people place a higher value on thing that cost more
- Sarah Crest distributed flyers and business cards at MLA Annual Conference in Ocean City
- Stephen Ford asked that PR information be sent to him as soon as it is available, so that the web site can be updated
- Question from Randy Smith – Have we decided how many people we can accommodate? Answer, not yet, Sarah and others will contemplate logistics and decide
- Judy Goodyear said that it would help to get a brief description of each presentation beforehand, so that it can be used to get institutions to pay for conference attendance. Stephen Ford suggested that this brief write-up be required as part of any future conference submissions

Fall Calendar

- Friday, September 5, 2008, Meeting: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Blackwell Library, Salisbury University
- Friday, October 10, 2008, Meeting: 10 a.m. - Noon, Loyola College in Maryland Graduate Center, Timonium, MD
- Friday, November 21, 2008, Meeting: 10 a.m. - Noon, Carroll Community College, Westminster, MD

NEXT MEETING:
Friday, July 11, 2008, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Ort Library, Frostburg State University

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Ford, MILEX Webmaster (for Sara Nixon)
June 13, 2008