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MinutesMinutes
LACUNY Instruction Committee Meeting
Baruch College, Newman Library, Room 415
March 5, 2004, 2 pm- 4 pm

Members in Attendance:

Alexandra de Luise, Queens
Jerry Bornstein, Baruch
Jeanne Galvin, Kingsborough
William Casari, Hostos
Mounir Khalil, City College
Charles Keyes, LaGuardia
Jacqueline Gill, City College
Keith Muchowski, City Tech
Edward Owusu-Ansah, Staten Island

Meeting commenced at 2pm.

Re: Next Meeting Dates:

Members agreed to the following meeting dates for the Spring 2004 semester:

Friday, April 2, 2004

Friday, May 7, 2004

The meetings will be from 2 pm to 4 pm, and will be held at Baruch College.

Re: Library Instruction Presentations:

New York City College of Technology:

Keith Muchowski of City Tech presented on the instructional program at the New York City College of Technology, where three fulltime instructional librarians and some adjuncts (on a limited basis) are responsible for offering library instruction. Instructional activities follow three modules:

1. A module for English 101: Each section of these classes visit the library each semester for a tour and instructional session which last approximately 75 minutes (attempts are made to incorporate information literacy skills and concepts). There are about a total of 110 session in fall, and 70-80 in spring. An ENG 101 PowerPoint presentation to be available on the web will bring some uniformity to the content of the sessions. Closely related to this module is the AA 101 freshman experience offering which involves a tour and introduction to the library.
2. A series of open workshops: 10 1-hour workshops offered each semester (two for faculty only, other 8 open to all). Topics are focused (Lexis-Nexis, Ebsco, CUNY tools, and other, "more obscure," databases.
3. Instruction tailored to departmental needs: More course-specific instruction. Librarians and library liaisons set up these class visits for various academic departments. Some departments participate more actively than others.

The City Tech library instruction program has no assessment instruments yet, and is currently exploring opportunities for future implementation. Middle States will be visiting in 2 years. The library is looking to the possible introduction of a credit course within the next 3 to 5 years.

Following discussion explored in lively, animated manner the issues of databases to be taught, the role of library instruction in achieving student information literacy. Alexander de Luise mentioned Queens College's ongoing examination of credit bearing seminars with library components that every student will have to take.

Re: Topics for Next Meeting:

Having concluded presentations on instructional programs at member schools, committee members decided on selection of topic for the next meeting. The April 2 meeting will commence discussion on "How to Get Subject Faculty Interested in Library Instructional Services." Representatives from each school will present for discussion and comments the attempts and conceptions on their campuses for winning faculty collaboration and possible acceptance of the library's instructional role. City Tech will begin, and will be followed by Baruch and Queens.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Edward Owusu-Ansah
Chair