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MINUTES OF THE May 2011 MEETING
LACUNY JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE
May 17, 2011, 3:00 pm scheduled start (actual start 3.15)
Graduate Center, Rm. C106.05

In attendance:

1. Amy Ballmer, Graduate Center
2. Cynthia Tobar, Graduate Center
3. Maura Smale, City Tech
4. Harold Gee, Baruch College
5. Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn College
6. Kimberley Bugg, Queensborough Community College
7. Nancy Foasberg, Queens College
8. Stefanie Havelka, Lehman College

The meeting began at 3.15 to allow for late arrivals.

- General introductions, discussion about individual colleges, libraries, academic year, tenure process.
- Yahoo group or CUNY Commons:
 - We compared the Yahoo group with CUNY Commons and discussed strengths and weaknesses of both. The main strength of Yahoo is how easy it is to forward emails and the main strengths of CUNY Commons is that it is already used by many CUNY faculty and is easy to use. The consensus was to start a JFRR CUNY Commons group but keep the Yahoo group to see which method of communication JFRR members prefer. The JFRR CUNY Commons page will be launched in early June, 2011.
- Elections for 2011-2012 Co-Chairs
 - We decided to postpone the election until after we email JFRR members an informative reminder about the 2011-2012 Co-Chair opening. Elections will take place online in early June. The new Co-Chairs will be announced by June 17, 2011.
- Member update – conferences, articles, tenure
 - Tenure: Harold Gee, Baruch College
 - Articles and chapters published/forthcoming: Robert Farrell, Lehman College ; Stefanie Havelka, Lehman College ; Maura Smale, City Tech ; Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn College ; Amy Ballmer, Graduate Center ; Cynthia Tobar, Graduate Center ; Nancy Foasberg, Queens College
 - Papers presented/forthcoming : Stefanie Havelka ; Cynthia Tobar ; Amy Ballmer
 - Awards: Rebecca Arzola, Lehman College – Staff Recognition Award
- Research Leave and time management
 - General discussion
- Networking techniques
 - Roundtable discussion of tips for successful networking. Suggestions included going to events with some conversation starters in mind such as questions about research, tenure process, time management, etc., a reminder not to limit networking to just library events, and confirmation that while the first few times going to a networking event or conference can be intimidating, not to worry because it gets easier over time.
 - A suggestion was made to have a networking event, perhaps in conjunction with CUNY library adjuncts.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Amy Ballmer, Graduate Center