
I. Call to Order - Sharon Jorski. Sharon called the meeting to order at 3:10pm as she introduced the two student representatives from OUSLIS Magen Bednar and Amanda Barrigner. In the spring we will have a student representative from Tulsa that will join us at that time. The Board welcomed new members and Sharon Jorski then passed out the agenda items which were emailed to all board members previous to this meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes - Nelson Dent. Minutes from the September 26th needed a correction which stated our meeting date is in November – not December as the minutes reflected. Nelson will make the correction and the minutes were approved and the motion was passed.

III. Treasurer’s Report - Carolyn Mahin. The balance as of November 2012 is $6,089.79. We had $160.00 worth of membership renewals and a disbursement of $250.00 for Sarah Denton, 2012 Student Paper Award winner. Sharon made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Jenny seconded. The motion passed.

IV. Director’s Report – Cecelia Brown.

a. Cecelia handed out enrollment data, the 2013 spring/summer schedule for OUSLIS. She reported that Dr. Van Fleet is in the hospital and would the Board like to send flowers/do something for the family? All agreed and we will get something for her when information becomes available.

b. Enrollment was up in 2007, 2010, and 2012. Fall of 2012 has seen a jump in enrollment at both campuses, especially with the BAIS students out of Tulsa. The job market is looking better for graduates and we are now seeing a larger number of the Baby Boomers retiring across the state. 34 students are graduating this December.

c. The University is making a push for a three semester system. Fall-Spring-Summer. So, OUSLIS will have three full semesters in the future if approved by the Board of Regents.

d. In years past, Dr. Patterson led a weeklong course in Santa Fe, NM during the summer where students experienced different libraries out in the field. This is getting restructured and OUSLIS is looking at an “Oklahoma Information Environment” weekend course which will take place much like a weekend seminar. Fridays-Saturdays-Sundays with field trips included in the OKC metro area. The weekend course helps out students who are working full time jobs and who still can participate and get real life experiences in libraries. The logistics still need to be worked out. A suggestion was made to include the OLA Information Matrix Camp.
e. SLISebraion 2013: April 27th at the National Weather Center. “Celebrating Our Roots” with guest speaker Joy Harjo - Native American scholar/presenter who is a poet, author, and musician from Tulsa. Her website can be found at http://www.joyharjo.com/Home.html.

f. ALA accreditation committee has announced the visit to campus which will be March 10th and 11th of 2014. OUSLIS will want to meet with the Alumni Board and Sharon Solomon will read the program accreditation document and is taking volunteers.

g. OUSLIS will be hiring a full time open-rank tenure-track position faculty member for 2013 as Dr. Taylor retires. They are seeking a faculty member whose research interests and teaching abilities are related to: information retrieval technologies on the Web, data or text mining, information representation and/or visualization, organization of large datasets for discovery and re-use. OUSLIS will be at ALA Midwinter and will let the Alumni Board know when the finalist talks will be. More information on the job can be found at http://slis.ou.edu/asst-prof-search

V. Committee Reports

a. Awards and Honors Committee – Cathy Van Hoy. Cathy is in the stages of preparing to meet with the committee in early 2013 and they will come up with a list of names. She will have another report at our next meeting.

b. Communications Committee - Nelson reported he sent out the first newsletter this fall. However, we are still experiencing difficulties with emails not going through. He will work with the new students and have an early spring newsletter designed after the holidays.

c. Student Paper Committee – R.D. Bell. R.D. announced Sarah Denton is the winner of the OUSLIS Alumni Association Student Paper Award with her paper “The Activist Archivist in the Digital Age”. OUSLIS Alumni has sent her the check. Sarah Denton will be awarded with her scholarship check this semester and presented formally at OLA next semester and SLISebraion. The Alumni Board made the motion to send Sarah to OLA and cover the registration and one night’s hotel stay. Motion passed.

d. Student Report – Megan and Amanda reported students have been very busy this fall. Banned Book Week went very well where students read out loud portions of Banned Books on campus, right outside of the Library School doors. This was an ALA event where students had displays, passed out Banned Book Week items, buttons, handouts, and promotional materials. Lots of PR for the event this year and the board thanked the students for their work. They even made the OU Daily http://www.oudaily.com/photos/galleries/banned-book-week-2012/
VI. Other Business

a. **OLA 2013.** OUSLIS Alumni reception times at OLA: 5:30pm-6:30pm on Thursday, April 4th and Pat Weaver-Myers is coordinating this with the Board. The board thanks Pat for coordinating this. Student Paper Awardee is to be recognized at reception. RD Bell will contact student about sending her to OLA. Paper presentation at OLA will be coordinated by Dr. Brown. Dr. Taylor will be recognized at the reception and Lynn McIntosh reported that caterers are going to bid. A cake will be made in Dr. Taylor’s honor along with an announcement and we will know more by the next meeting. Also Outstanding Alumni Award needs to be added to the banquet/program.

b. **SLISebration.** Beta Phi Mu will meet in January and Nelson will report at the next meeting.

c. **Student Paper Award Name.** Jeff Whilhite will meet with the Carroll family about naming the award “Dr. Frances Laverne Carroll Student Paper Award”. Jeff will report back to Dr. Brown. The board agreed that we should roll out the award at OLA reception in honor of Dr. Frances Carroll.

d. **Alumni Mailing List.** The board is working on updating the OUSLIS alumni mailing list, in particular email addresses. Sharon reported on the project and volunteers to work on the email lists are: Carolyn, Donna, Marty, and Nelson.

e. **Newsletter.** Winter newsletter will emphasize on paying dues and joining the Alumni Association. Several of the board members didn’t get the fall newsletter. In order to make the newsletter work, we need email addresses. Nelson will update and send out a winter newsletter in January.

f. **By-Laws.** New By-Laws were distributed.

g. **Outstanding Alumni Award.** Information on the website needs to be changed. The letter should include the nominee’s current contact information. Nominations must be received by January 31st, 2012.

http://www.ou.edu/slisalumni/Alumni_Award.html

VII. Call for adjourn

Sharon made a call for any questions or comments. None were made and meeting adjourned at 4:20pm. We will meet again in the winter. Meeting T.A.B.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nelson Dent and Amanda Barringer