

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
African American Studies Section (AFAS)
Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
American Library Association Midwinter Meeting 2010

Saturday, January 8, 2011

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:15.

Welcome and introductions

Attendees

Gennice W. King, Joyce K. Thornton (Chair), Sylvia Nyana, Lisabeth Chabot (ARL Staff Liaison to AFAS), Rebecca Hankins (Vice Chair), Malaika Grant, Bennie Robinson, Vivian Fisher

Approval of past minutes

- The minutes of June 26, 2010 were approved with one correction.

Guests

- 2011 ACRL candidates for Vice-President/President-Elect, Steven Bell & Tom Abbott spoke about their candidacies and responded to questions.

Committee Reports

- *Chair:*

Revision to By-laws document has been sent by ACRL. If you have any comments please send to Joyce within 2 weeks so she can pass them on.

Commented on the wonderful program at Annual last year that was chaired by Johnnie Love and LeRoy LaFleur.

The AFAS budget for 2011 is \$1,035.00 to be spent by August 15, 2011

Mentioned the Friends Fund Disbursement Call for Proposals

Rebecca and Gennice suggested that we use some of the funds to have a reception at the New Orleans's African American Museum in the historic Treme area of New Orleans. We decided it would be great to include the Diversity Office and BCALA. Stanton Biddle sent an e-mail to the groups to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring a reception and program at the museum. We talked about doing naming the reception after Nathaniel Work. Akilah did so much work on trying to develop a scholarship that we could acknowledge.

Draft Plan for Excellence shared with everyone. Any comments send to Joyce.

- *Vice Chair* (Rebecca Hankins)–We need to have someone write up the 2012 program description for C&RL News.
- *Membership* (Gennice King) - November 2010- There were 12 new letters, 9 welcome back, and 19 letters to be dropped. We currently have 248 members. In 2009 there were 238 members which is 4.2% increase. ACRL overall membership is down.
2009 181 (25 student members)
2010 181 (36 student members)
- *Nominating Committee* (Vivian Fisher) - We have a full slate of candidates for the 2011 election.
- *Policy and Research* (William Welburn) –William suggested that we combine this committee with the Publicity committee. General agreement was that these two committees could be combined for much more effective work. A policy statement will be submitted to the Executive Committee proposing this merger for the members to approve. Possible change name to Research and Publicity with co-chairs for each. Elaine Thornton has agreed to take over the newsletter.
Need to concentrate on helping tenure track faculty with research and publishing.
Rebecca will send the ideas and minutes from our last meeting at Annual to the members of the Executive Committee.
Rebecca suggested a project that looked at ranking of Africana studies journals that would be of value to the profession. She is looking for some partners to work on the project. Please contact her if interested.
- *Board Liaison* (Lisabeth Chabot) - Lisabeth briefed the Committee on the Leadership Session and asked the Committee to look at the draft of the Strategic Plan and offer comments.

Old Business

CRL Mentoring Program needs to be investigated for something we can incorporate.

New Business

Rejection of AFAS Proposals submitted for ACRL Conferences-discussion about the pattern of AFAS sponsored proposal-how to make our proposals more viable, get more feedback on the rejections, transparency in the process is needed. Some research of the rejection rates of AFAS proposals is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30