

Midwinter ALA Conference 2008, Philadelphia

ACRL LES section All Committees Meeting – Membership Committee

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(Elizabeth Peterson served 2005-2006 as an intern and we thought she had become an appointee with a 2007-2009 term, although the roster doesn't reflect it)

Mon. Jan. 14, 8-10 am

Agenda:

I Review of section activities

Update welcome letter

Review retention report from ACRL Membership Advisory Committee

ACRL 101

II Future of mentor program

III Discussion topic for Anaheim meeting

Minutes:

Attending: Tammy Voelker, Kristina DeVoe, Stephanie Graves, Elizabeth Peterson, Amanda Watson, Tom Ipri, Michael Macan, Melissa Van Vuuren, Diana Chlebek, Priscilla Finley.

Minutes recorded by Priscilla Finley.

I Review of section activities

Update welcome letter – updated to reflect accurate volunteering information, link to wiki. We talked about asking new members to respond with information about their interests and will make that change as the wiki evolves so that we would have something to do with that info.

Review retention report from ACRL Membership Advisory Committee

We reviewed a report distributed to section membership chairs and considered ways LES can make sure new members feel like they belong. We brainstormed ways LES might create opportunities for members to contribute/share/promote their work, including connecting members based on research interests, creating a publication list for member publications, reminding them to join the listserv, creating “groups” like facebook/myspace does where members can self-organize, creating a new LES member badge, designating members of the membership committee as greeters to new members who actively encourage them to participate in the social hour and other functions.

ACRL 101

Elizabeth Peterson will represent LES Membership at ACRL 101 sessions in Anaheim. Thanks, Elizabeth!

II Future of mentor program

We asked for member thoughts at the general membership meeting and gathered these ideas: when the directory moves to the wiki it will be easier for members to share their specific interests and expertise and connect with like-minded LESers. Some members would like publishing advice, potential research collaborators, or other types of scholarship-related networking; others sought advice on programs for second master's or PhD degrees or other professional development avenues. A desire was expressed to broaden levels of involvement but not to eliminate the formal mentor/mentee option for those who wanted to pursue it.

We decided to remove the mentorship form and suspend the coffee card program for Annual 2008. We'll consult with the Publication Task Force to see if we can develop some kind of user profile template or tagging system on the wiki that enables LES members to connect with others with similar goals.

III Discussion topic for second hour of Anaheim general membership meeting

One proposal is a panel of presenters each giving a five-minute overview and a mini-bibliography of key sources for various schools of critical theory.

A second proposal, intending to take advantage of the Anaheim location, would be to discuss how film intersects with our literature collections and teaching. Members who use films to promote reading or to support the curriculum could talk about their successes, and we might also look at scholarship on literature as represented in film.

Meeting adjourned 9:15.