

Professional Values Committee

ACRL Professional Values Committee

Sunday, February 1, 2015

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Sheraton Hotel, Parlor A

Attendees

Members: Martin Garnar, Chair, Jenifer Flaxbart, Vice Chair, Paul Beavers, Deloice Holliday, Adriene Lim, Louise Sherby, Jim Teliba

Liaisons: David Free, ACRL, Doug Lehman, ACRL Board

Guests: John Lehner

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by chair Martin Garnar shortly after 1:00 p.m.

The meeting agenda Martin prepared was approved by silent acclamation.

The approval of Annual 2014 meeting minutes was deferred pending dissemination for review.

Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

The existing 2014-15 Committee Work Plan was reviewed. Specific items included:

- Webinar and White Paper: intellectual freedom and professional ethics topic, yet to be determined. The suggestion that we merge the two and associate the webinar and white paper was widely embraced. An early webinar aspect could be handled through Connect, and used to solicit responses to a revised ACRL Academic Freedom statement. The committee could then disseminate information from the white paper or resource paper in two forms, first as a white paper then as a webinar addressing a particular aspect of the white paper.

- Program at ACRL Portland: "Ethical Issues of Open Access"; speakers are Emily Knox, UIUC, and Martin Garnar, Regis University; program is one hour, on Saturday morning, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; discussion format introduces the possibility of table-level discussion facilitation participation for committee members.

- Program at ALA Annual San Francisco: "Should I Tweet That? Academic Freedom and Social Media"; speakers are Hank Reichman, AAUP, and Mary Minow, LibraryLaw Blog; program is one hour, on Saturday morning, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Ongoing discussion yielded interest in a white paper addressing definitional aspects and relevance of academic freedom, intellectual freedom, and freedom of speech, in resource paper fashion. Potential facets touched on included: the three above, hate speech, extreme ends of a spectrum (LGBTQ example provided by Adriene), civility, trigger warnings, free speech and responsibility and living in the tension between the two, etc.

Feedback on the ACRL Academic Freedom statement collected and synthesized from the ACRL Leadership Council meeting on Friday, January 30, was reviewed and discussed, along with in-person feedback from guest John Lehner around the long-standing definition unique to academic freedom. Martin and those in attendance reviewed and parsed the revised draft of this statement that

he'd created following the Council meeting accordingly. Following further discussion, it was agreed that the committee would continue to rework the statement to be something that is both substantive and timeless, specific to ACRL, for pre-Annual review and discussion via Connect.

Jim Teliha, Doug Lehman, and Martin then discussed communication protocols and follow up on the ACRL Board's fall meeting endorsement of the AAUP statement on trigger warnings. Jim, in his role as Office for Intellectual Freedom/Intellectual Freedom Committee liaison to ACRL, and a member of our committee, will request March *C&RL News* coverage and forward a blog post drafted by Jim and our committee.

In conjunction with this discussion, Martin, Doug, and Jim reviewed and clarified the reporting and ongoing communication lines with the ACRL Board and ACRL staff. Doug is our Board liaison and David Free is our conduit for communication with ACRL staff.

There was no old business beyond what was discussed during the course of the meeting to this point.

New business consisted of a reminder to members rotating off the committee to volunteer for reappointment to continue existing or evolving committee assignment by February 15; John Budd is ACRL Committee Appointments Chair.

Meeting adjournment was moved, seconded and unanimously sanctioned at 2:30 p.m.

Action Items

- Dissemination of Annual 2014 Minutes for review and approval - Martin Garnar
- White paper outline - Adriene Lim and Paul Beavers
- White paper ACRL protocol - David Free