

**TO:** ALA Executive Board

**RE:** Task Force on the Context of Future Accreditation update

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

Update on activities of Task Force on the Context of Future Accreditation

**ACTION REQUESTED BY:**

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**DRAFT OF MOTION:**

No motion – report is informational only.

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**BACKGROUND:** The attachment that follows includes information on task force activities to date as well as indication of next steps.

The task force has held monthly phone calls since it was constituted. The members have access to an e-mail list and to ALA Connect space as well. There has been one call and some shared e-mails between Peter Hepburn and Barb Stripling regarding coordination of their respective task forces.

The task force is currently divided into three subgroups in order to manage the workflows more effectively:

**1. Research**

Michael Gutierrez is leading this group and working with Clara Chu, Mary Stansbury, and Yen Tran. They will be surveying data, reports, opinion pieces (such as blogs), and other documentation that they can find in order to distill key themes and concerns.

**2. Outreach**

Mirah Dow is leading this group and working with John Budd, Andrew Dillon, and Tula Giannini. They will be contacting interested parties within ALA as well as in other associations such as ALISE, CLA, ASIST, and potentially others. The subgroup members have begun making arrangements for face-to-face conversations during the ALISE conference and ALA Midwinter Meetings in Boston in January 2016.

**3. Writing**

Nicole Cooke is leading this group and working with Rosemary Bonanno, Julie Todaro, and Gary Wasdin. The subgroup has a shared online workspace, which already contains a few documents detailing how to write a white paper. They are planning on producing the paper and a shorter executive summary. The subgroup is currently awaiting input from the other subgroups before proceeding further.

In Boston in January, Peter Hepburn will meet with the Deans and Directors Council of ALISE in order to have a conversation with them about the task force work. The task force will itself meet in person the next day, on Thursday, January 7. Peter Hepburn will also attend part of the meeting of the other accreditation task force, on Friday, January 8.

The task force will continue with monthly phone calls in January, increasing them as needed as the June deadline approaches.