

LIS Alumni Board – meeting minutes

March 8, 2016

The LIS Alumni Board meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m., in the Stone Room in the Columbus School of Law building. In attendance were: Ana Elisa de Campos Salles (presiding); Elizabeth Mariani, Jamie Roberts, Katherine Stinson and Drs. Choi and Hsieh-Yee.

Review of Previous Minutes

Ana Elisa moved to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Elizabeth. Motion passed.

Old Business

Webpage Updates

Katherine Stinson agreed to send approved minutes from the February 2016 meetings to Margaret Pooley for posting on the Alumni Board Documents page (<http://lis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>). Prior to this meeting, Kathy Kelly reported that Alumni News from February had been posted on a February Alumni News page (<http://cuaslis.org/wp/february-alumni-news/>); that she had asked Margaret Pooley to reverse the order of the minutes on the 2015-2016 section of the Board Documents page to place newer minutes at the top (<http://lis.cua.edu/alumni/Documents.cfm>); and that some 2016 updates had been made to update the Von Dran Memorial Award information page (<http://lis.cua.edu/alumni/vondranaward.cfm>).

Departmental Updates with Dr. Hsieh-Yee and Dr. Choi

CUA did a good job on the accreditation materials; the ALA committee seemed pleased with them and was very complimentary towards them. They said no more major edits are necessary and if anything needs to be added, it can be done with addendums. The body of the Self Study draft is composed of six chapters addressing the different aspects of the program. They were especially concerned with enrollment and leadership stability in the program since it currently is co-chaired by two interim chairs and the school has an acting dean. The department is addressing all of this. We created a professional hard copy and a version on a jump drive, complete with hyperlinks, for more details for the reviewers. A version is also on CUA's website (<http://lis.cua.edu/about/accreditation2016/#self-study>).

We are also trying to get a good, solid turnout for the Site Visit on Sunday April 3rd. We need lots of people to come, the more that come, the better it looks. Need to reach out to alumni, current students, and employers of CUA students. The employers are tricky to reach out to, but we are sending out invitations to Library of Congress, DCPL, DOJ, Smithsonian, NARA and local university libraries, places where we know our graduates are employed.

New Business

2016 Stone Lecture Update

We are estimating about 75 attendees for food purposes. The LIS department will be footing the bill for the food. We are planning on getting the catering from Whole Foods again this year. We will be having a survey at the Stone Lecture to gather information on the people who have attended and keep them up to date on LIS Alumni events. Don Collins from NOAA is our speaker for the Stone Lecture. Parking will be relaxed on campus for the event. In future, we should request funding for catering from the department for the holiday party, which is for everyone, and ask for funding assistance from AGLISS for the Stone Lecture. If we co-sponsor the Stone Lecture with AGLISS we can benefit from the GSA speaker fund for catering, travel stipend, and honorarium for the speaker.

Town Hall Meeting on Accreditation - Monday March 14th (Webinar March 15th)

Purpose is to discuss the accreditation process so far and give people details about the very important site visit in April. The webinar can be accessed here:

https://catholicu.adobeconnect.com/_a982500465/march15webinar

Call for Board Nominations

Going to announce it at the Stone Lecture and start sending e-mails about it on the list-servs after the lecture. We are waiting until after the Stone Lecture, so we aren't bombarding everyone with too many e-mails.

Von Dran Award Deliberations (Closed Session)

Next Meeting

The Board agreed that the next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Information Commons.

Adjourn

Katherine moved to adjourn; Ana Elisa seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.