**ACRL/NJLA User Education Committee and VALE SIL Committee**

**April 11, 2014, 10 am – 12 pm; Rutgers via Video Conference**

**New Brunswick – Alexander Library, University Librarian’s Conference Room**

**Camden – Robeson Library Staff Lounge, Room 290**

**Newark – Dana Library, Special Collections Room 454**

**Draft Minutes**

**In attendance:**

**New Brunswick**: Leslin Charles (Co-Chair, VALE SIL), Steve Chudnick, Heather Dalal (Co-Chair, ACRL/NJLA User Ed.), Megan Dempsey (Co-Chair, VALE SIL), Mina Ghajar, Ma Lei Hsieh (Co-Chair, ACRL/NJLA User Ed.), John Oliver

**Newark:** Bonnie Fong, Amanda Piekart, Lynee Richel, Davida Scharf, Charlie Terng

**Camden**: Theo Haynes, Michelle Martin (VALE Executive C’tee), Donna Wertheimer,

Bruce Whitham

Chair: Megan Dempsey; Recorder: Ma Lei Hsieh

1. Everyone introduced self; Two new members: Bruce Whitham of Rowan U. and Charlie Terng of NJIT.
2. Minutes revision of February 14, 2014: remove a colon on 3a, 4th item.
3. VALE Executive Committee Update – Michelle Martin

* The Executive Committee met with committee chairs on Mar. 6.
* VALE Members Council meeting will have a joint meeting with NJEDge CIOs at the January meeting each year.
* S. Muir of Rowan U. reported a need for remote book storage. T. Pavlovsky suggested assessing the interest in participation.
* VALE personnel will transfer from William Patterson U. to NJIT which acts as the fiduciary agent for NJEDge. The Finance committee will review VALE database licenses to determine revision.
* M. Martin and M. Thompson hosted a community college brainstorming session on Mar. 28 to assess the needs of community colleges which are different from the needs of the 4-year colleges. Directors of community colleges (19 institutions) may form a subcommittee to exchange ideas.
* NJVid (NJ Digital Video Repository) membership, partnered with VALE and NJEDge representatives, has been mostly established.
* C. Daze of NJ State Library reported there have been no LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) cuts to State Library funding but no budget details have been received from the Governor’s office. M. Chute will notify VALE on State Library funded databases when information is available.
* C. O’Connor of Library LinkNJ reported flat funding. The Board is preparing for a two year (2015-16) strategic plan.
* Questions/Discussions:
  + Davida will send an Ithaka report on surveying college library directors. The participants said that IL instruction is an important aspect of the library service but not enough resources were spent on that. Recommend to discuss about this report in the future.
    - Suggest VALE to fund for our committee members to participate more in the national level.

1. VALE SIL Committee Update – Leslin/Megan

* VALE Chairs Meeting March 6– members praised the active involvement of our committee and were glad to see our committee’s professional development and members presenting in conferences.
  + Assessment Fair with VALE Assessment, Evaluation & Statistical Committee
    - Elizabeth Leonard, Chair of the Assessment Committee, reported that the Assessment Fair planned date is on 7/17 or 7/24.
    - VALE SIL was contacted to co-sponsor the Assessment Fair. The preferred date is 7/17.
      * + Megan will ask if the Fair accepts topics other than assessment tools
        + Davida and Leslin may present a poster on the cross institutional assessment (CIA) method and recruit participants.
* The Career Fair for Rutgers Library school students is on 4/ 25. SCARLA is looking for academic librarians to do resume review, round table discussion, etc. Steve Chudnick and John Oliver volunteered to help.
* VALE SIL needs a co-chair in the fall to work with Megan for next year. Leslin will step down after this term.

1. NJLA User Education Committee Update: Ma Lei/Heather
   1. ACRL Webcast and Panel Discussion on Data Visualization (how to present data) on April 29th. This in-person meeting at Rutgers U. Alexander Library which requires registration. Panel session “Dress your Data for Success” is at 1:15 by two panelists. The ACRL webcast will be viewed by the attendees at 2, with a wrap up at 3:30.

* April 21 – ACRL Newsletter deadline. Heather suggested that our committees submit an article each time so our work gets more visibility.
* Davida won NJLA\_CUS Research Award this year. Congratulations to Davida!
* NJLA preconference is on Monday (6/2); Conference academic programs are mainly on Wednesday (6/4); CUS Luncheon speaker is Jeffery Beall (librarian at U. of Colorado at Denver) on predatory publishing.
* NJ academic representatives attended the Middle States Town Hall meeting on March 27th. They presented a letter from the chairs of NJ VALE (T. Pavlovsky) and NJ\_ACRL (Gracemary Smulewitz), concerning IL and libraries not being addressed in the Middle States’ Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education accreditation criteria draft. Middle States administrators apologized for the omission and would take this into consideration for the revision.
* Red Bank Public Library controversy (fired librarians) – librarians undervalued.
* UserEd needs a co-chair to work with Heather. Ma Lei will step down after this term. This is a two-year term. There are 5 joint meetings and summer workshop(s) with VALE SIL committee per year. The co-chairs share the responsibilities for chairing the bimonthly meeting and for attending the monthly NJ\_ACRL Exec. Bd. meeting.

1. Professional Development: Initiatives and Projects Roundtable Discussion

* Bonnie- surveyed graduate students and library school directors to find out perspective needs of the target audience. Students reflected that they need career and grant supports. Faculty felt that building IL skills and workshops for professional networks are important.
* Lynee worked with a political science faculty Prof. Jack Burnado on an assignment requiring IL skills and ethical reasoning. Lynee will send the assignment to the group.   
  She can possibly do a professional development event in the future, analyzing IL and review ethics of it.
* Davida shared a technique for grading. She created a macro for comments and used MS Word under proofread for canned comments.
* Bonnie used Google Form for self-grading. Bonnie will send the information to the group.
* Leslin developed self-assessment tools (pre- and posttests) for students in the McNair Summer Institute to learn what they learn.
* Donna reported that NJ IL Progression Standards worked well for the ESL students she taught at Rutgers Camden campus.
* John has a Wikipedia project in which students learn IL through editing entries. John may offer a professional development session next year to report his learning.

1. Old Business
   * Summer Workshop planning

**Title:** Cross Institution Assessment Project (CIA) – The First of Two Parts

**Date:** June 12th  (for the joint committee members)

**Location:** NJIT (Mina offered her college if NJIT did not work out)

**Content:**

Committees’ in-person business meeting 10-11

Workshop:

* Training 11-12:30
  + - Reading papers PM

**Lunch**: Michelle will request VALE funding for lunch and will fill out the online request form for 25 attendees.

**2nd Part**: This first workshop will test the concept for the second part to be held later in the summer. The second workshop will be open to all NJ librarians.

* + Report from Graduate Library Programs and Information Literacy/Teaching Subcommittee (Heather reported for members: Leslin, Jaime, Amanda, Lynee)
    - Heather and Amanda presented at a panel to outreach to Rutgers MLIS students (SCARLA) on March 25th. Heather will write an article for the NJ\_ACRL newsletter to inform about the committees’ outreach efforts.
    - Leslin said that Kay Cassell of Rutgers U. has invited feedback for the instruction course. Leslin will find out the course content for the committees to endorse the course to encourage students to take it.
  + Report from Transition from High School to College subcommittee (Leslin reported for members: Leslie, Bobbie, Erleen, Mina, possibly Martha Loesch of Seton Hall)
* Need to identify a chair but it has been tabled for when the members can all be present.
  + - The subcommittee needs to formally define its objectives– a research project or a train-the-trainers kind of cyclical event.
    - Would like to have a conversation with School Media Specialists to see how we can assist them in preparing students for college and to find out how they can help us. Cecelia Freda of Middletown High School South (potential candidate) mentioned that students are neither ready for college nor careers.
    - Leslin will reach out to Ma Lei and Heather for their input to see if there is an avenue for us to leverage so we can have an audience with School Media Specialists who are already attending NJLA. The next meeting (May 8 or 14) should be via video conference.

1. New Business

ACRL draft *Framework for Information Literacy in Higher Education* – discussion: <http://acrl.ala.org/ilstandards/?page_id=133> .

* + - Heather summarized the 5 ACRL threshold concepts.
    - Donna reported that Rutgers IL committee had a meeting expressed their opinions.
    - Davida could not find citing sources in the Framework.
    - It is challenging for librarians to communicate with teaching faculty and administrators about the Framework with its current presentation.
    - Send our comments about the Framework on the ACRL website till April 15.
    - Sign up for ACRL online forum on 4/17.

1. Adjournment at 12:05