

SCONUL WGIL meeting, 23rd February 2007

Present:

Hilary Johnson (Chair)
Wendy White
Jo Parker
Moirra Bent
Cathryn Gallacher
Vanessa Crane
Cathie Jackson
Helen Hathaway (arrived c.11.50)

Also present: Maggie Fieldhouse (UCL Department of Library and Information Studies) attended for item 8 onwards

Item 1 - Apologies

Noted from Alison Mackenzie, Jan Howden, John Wolstenholme (as new members) Janet Peters, Stephen Town, (as retiring members), and from Peter Godwin, Sheila Webber. Chair welcomed new members (Moirra and Cathryn) to the Group, and noted the meeting as a transitional one between the 'old' membership and the new; and noted that this would be her last meeting in the Chair.

Item 2 - Minutes of meeting held on 3rd November 2006

Accepted as a correct record.

Item 3 - Matters arising.

In the absence of ST, the situation regarding the Position Paper was unknown (HJ to check and report outside the meeting). Other matters arising were on the agenda.

Item 4 - Officers.

Chair reported on interest shown by members in undertaking roles as officers. Two people had volunteered, and the meeting was happy to proceed on that basis. VC pointed out that the Executive Board needed to ratify (HJ to communicate with SCONUL Secretary).

Item 5 - Management of Web pages.

The two dimensions of this were noted – that of keeping the Group web pages within the SCONUL web site up to date, and that of liaising with the IL website supported by EDUSERV. As an interim situation MB volunteered to liaise with SCONUL regarding the Group web pages, and to be a potential link person with CILIP group in connection with the Steering Group for the 'IL' website. (Action : HJ contact SCONUL; CJ contact CILIP).

Item 6 'Blue Skies' meeting.

VC updated the meeting on discussions at the SCONUL Executive Board as a result of the meeting on 30th January. The EB meeting had decided that a small core group should proceed on the idea of a statement/vision which

could then form the basis for advocacy and liaison with other groups. The meeting endorsed this, and welcomed that the EB was taking a more proactive stance on the strategic issues around learning and teaching. (VC to keep the WGIL group informed). (HJ check with Jane Core about distributing her notes from the 30th Jan meeting).

Item 7 Action Plan.

Discussion of points in the Action Plan – Specifically – the researchers-oriented event in conjunction with CONUL would be planned for later in the year/early in 2008. It was noted that the Group needed to identify a lead on conference planning to work with Ellen Breen soon-ish (Action through HJ on new Chair/Secretary as a priority).

Discussion around the rationale for links with European contacts identified 2 potential activities – involvement in the researchers event (e.g. Sylvie Cheillote from ENSSIB interested in contributing a European perspective) and the idea of benchmarking European activity. This led to a note that WGIL should aim to maintain a link with the VAMP project.

Other contact points to be noted included the NTF network (through MB), the Subject centres, and the 'Library' research departments (e.g. the LIMES project at Loughborough).

HJ to alert new Chair to changes in the plan accordingly (noted that the plan has already gone to the EB).

Item 8 Maggie Fieldhouse, research into IL at UCL.

MF updated the meeting on her interests and activities in relation to information literacy since she joined UCL's staff. 3 strands

- Survey into tutorial activity – questionnaire sent through LIS-Infolit.
- Digital literacy (related to a book chapter)
- Project with UCL library services, focusing on evaluation

Of these, the survey was most advanced. The survey results show how far IL has penetrated into services, whether integrated or embedded, what motivation has been for developing tutorials, what model used if any. More than 50% of respondents viewed their activity as 'integrated' but there was some difference between undergraduate and PG programmes, with the latter more likely to be customised. The most individual approaches were used for academic staff. MF was interested in maintaining links with the SCONUL group (HJ to note for the new Chair)

Item 9 reports

- CJ reported from CILIP group. LILAC proving continually popular on web site, recording lots of hits. LILAC 2007 26-28th March had elicited many submissions and looked to be well supported. The CILIP group has looked at free training for School and public librarians and this was proving popular. Initial discussions with DFES personnel was bearing fruit; also QCA.

- CJ further reported that she is attending a consultation meeting about JORUM in March.
- JoP reported that she and Peter Godwin were doing a book for Facet Publishing on social networking/Web 2.0 issues.
- MB reported on her NTF project, which is around perceptions of IL among people transitioning into HE from school/FE. Christine Bruce is coming to UK in April and will lead a workshop in Newcastle. Despite being advertised as for librarians and academics/staff developers, the majority of attenders looked likely to be librarians.
- WW reported on involvement with Ofcom media literacy parliamentary consultation
- HH reported on meeting of UCISA TLIG (as SCONUL person) – noted that it is useful to maintain connections at Group level as well as at SCONUL Executive level
- VC reported that she is now Chair of ARLIS, which is interested in developing concepts of visual information literacy
- CG reported on recent research activity (PhD, nearing completion) on integration of academic and support activities, including IL.

Item 10. Dates of meetings

Chair confirmed Thursday 14th June as next meeting. The date of the meeting after that, scheduled for 7th November, would need to be changed as the SCONUL room was not available. The week beginning 12th November was anyway thought to be preferable (HJ communicate to new Chair/Secretary).

The meeting closed at 3 pm, with thanks being expressed to all the retiring members of the Group, and with good wishes to the new WGIL!

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