

OCALD Membership Meeting Minutes
OSRHE, Regents Conference Room
5/5/11
1:00-3:30

Attending: Michele Frasier-Robinson, Sharon Saulmon, Victoria Swinney, Anita Sempter, Bonnie McNeeley, Adrian Alexander, Don Gilstrap, Adrianna Lancaster, Mike Rusk, Evlyn Schmidt, Michael Foote, Nancy Draper, Maria Martinez, Tamie Willis, Beth Freeman, Susan Jeffries, Paula Settoon, Bettye Black, Alan Lawless, Sherry Young, Christine Dettlaff, Marty Thompson

Guests: Dr. Houston Davis, Emily Brown, Susan McVey

Continuing Business:

- Introductions – Don Gilstrap, OCALD Chair
The members at the remote sites and the Regent's site introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes
Change agenda to minutes; Tamie Willis moved that the minutes be accepted; Evlyn Schmidt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- Presentations
Bonnie McNeeley thanked Evlyn Schmidt and Don Gilstrap for their service to OCALD. Evlyn is retiring in June. Don has taken a new position as Dean of Libraries at Wichita State University.
- Regents Discussion–Dr. Houston Davis, Vice Chancellor
Dr. Houston Davis stated that the Regent's office staff have spent a great deal of time working with new legislators to educate them about higher education. He expects the budget process to wrap up in the next 7 to 10 days. Governor Fallin has been very supportive of higher education, only recommending a 3% cut. The House and Senate may still be looking at a 5% cut, particularly in the Senate. Dr. Davis stated that many things are still likely to happen in the next two weeks. He also stated that bills which died earlier may pop up as amendments in a still-existing similar bill. The Regents are actively looking at the effort to move all technology under one centralized umbrella. Currently higher education, the Regents and OneNet are exempted. Dr. Davis thinks the legislators understand that many of the universities will have tuition increases but that institutions will keep them as low as possible. Mike Rusk asked about the library technology fees that we charge – he wanted to know if there is documentation about how fees are distributed. Dr. Davis says there is the expectation that fees are to go to the purpose for which they are collected. He cannot speak to what happens internally within an institution. If a fee name had changed, it may be that the distribution had changed. He suggested that we each visit with our academic vice president for specific details within our institutions. Dr. Davis said he would provide OCALD with the Regent's policy for fees in general. Fees can be audited by the Regent's auditor. Sherry

Young said that several years ago we put together a list of libraries and their fees. Sharon Saulomon said she still had it and would share it with the list.

Dr. Davis reminded the group that the Regent's have taken cuts that the institutions have not had to endure. That conversation may rise again. He suggested OCALD continue to discuss what our options are if the Regents do have to cut. Dr. Davis stated that the decisions would be made in early- to mid-July.

Don thanked Dr. Davis for championing the IT issue. Dr. Davis talked about all politics being local and that everyone has a role in making sure legislators are aware. Don also thanked Dr. Davis for his mentoring. Dr. Davis passed out OK-Share cards.

- ODL Report – Susan McVey

ODL applied and received a Bill Gates foundation grant. The grant paid for a kick-off event in which the Chancellor gave the keynote and Dr. Davis spoke about some of the specific potential benefits of the project. Commission Jeff Cloud (corporation commission) talked about the state E-rate, stating it was at a low level. Representative Denny introduced HB 1460 which doubles the amount of the E-rate available in the state.

The Governor recommended a 3% cut (on top of their existing 13.4%). Susan handed out a flyer on Oklahoma library impact, some talking points regarding the importance of libraries, and a table that shows the cuts ODL has taken and potential cuts in the future. If cuts are as deep as projected, federal funds will be decreased as well due to maintenance of effort. If the state does not contribute enough to libraries, then the federal support will be decreased as well. It is possible that ODL will take further cuts if IMLS funding is cut. The possible budget does not include an IMLS cut. ODL receives about \$2 million in funds. They use \$1 million for databases (Ebsco alone is \$500,000). Susan is still committed to supporting the databases but cannot guarantee that ODL will be able to continue funding them. Susan expressed appreciation to Don and OCALD for writing a letter to our legislators in support of IMLS. Susan said there is a great interest in outcomes by the Legislature. Susan asked the OLTN members if they thought we would get a response if we surveyed our patrons who are database users. Susan talked about the economies of scale of buying the databases through ODL. Susan said that our legislators need to hear from our presidents, us, and our students about the importance of these funds. Bonnie McNeeley asked Susan if she has a priority list. Books in Print has the lowest usage – seems to be mostly for internal, staff use. However, it also has a small price tag. ODL may have to renegotiate with Ebsco. It depends entirely on how much the cut is.

Marty Thompson commented that OCALD has not been very politically active and we need to be. He provided the following names:

- Senate: Bingham, Halligan, Jolley
- House: Steele, Sears, Denney

If anyone knows them, they need to provide them with information about the significance of cuts: use and value of databases and ODL. Marty says it would behoove each of us to get involved because serious cuts may be in store, similar to some of our neighboring states. Marty will post these names to the listserv as well as his handouts from today. Dr. Davis said that the deeper cuts seem to be coming from the Senate side.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee – Don Gilstrap

The group talked about procedural issues and some committee assignments. No decisions were made. It was decided that Tamie would take that on when she takes over as chair. The group also talked about the statewide databases and the search results from EBSCO. Don mentioned that the number of searches has doubled and yet do not include all the add-on's that institutions have purchased individually.

- Nominations Committee: OCALD Election Results – Tamie Willis

Tamie thanked everyone who agreed to be nominated. We had a very strong slate of candidates. Tamie Willis presented the election results: Adrianna Lancaster, chair-elect; Christine Detlaff, secretary; Bettye Black, member-at-large; Maria Martinez will be serving her second year as member-at-large. Don Gilstrap will not be serving as past-chair since he has taken a position in Kansas. Tamie will be contacting previous chairs to see if they would be willing to serve in that capacity. 37 members voted.

New Business:

- Statewide databases discussion

This item was discussed earlier during the executive committee discussion. Beth commented, as a member of OLTN, that ODL is committed to keeping the databases in place, although the budget is an ongoing concern. The selection of the children's product is still in process.

- COIL on Wheels initiative – Emily Brown, UCO

Community of Oklahoma Instruction Librarians. COIL on Wheels is an initiative started by Jason Dupree at SWOSU to help institutions with limited budgets be able to have access to professional development by sending COIL to the institutions. The COIL members took a skills inventory to determine who would be willing to teach what topics. Emily handed out a list of topics they would be willing to teach at individual campus. She described two workshops: one on Camtasia and one on Libguides. Institutions can set up the workshop style that is most relevant to that site. Emily also handed out a flyer for COIL on Wheels and a sign-up sheet if you are interested in hosting a workshop. Beth Freeman commented that it is a great idea and her library has benefited twice. The summer workshop will be on July 22nd at UCO on "Back to Basics Instruction." The topic was selected based on feedback from a participant survey. They

hope to have SLIS students and new librarians attend. Emily thanked the group for allowing her present.

- Round-table discussion on 2011 ACRL Draft Standards for Libraries in Higher Education (<http://acrl.ala.org/slhe/>) – Mike Rusk

Mike stated that the new draft standards are different from the 2004 ACRL standards. When he read them, he asked why did they change them, what does it mean for my library, and do I need to do anything. The new standards set boundaries. The key element is that libraries need to document how they contribute to institutional effectiveness. We need to define how we do that. There are nine principles – each principle has a set of performance indicators. The draft also includes sample outcomes. These are quite qualitative, rather than quantitative.

Mike visited with OK-ACRL who said they cannot take on another workshop based on “The Value of Academic Libraries”. Mike suggested we have an all-day OCALD session in the fall for our group to promote discussion. Anita Sempter said she struggles with measuring learning outcomes. She thinks it would be helpful to have a group to discuss with. Sherry Young stated that her library is struggling with this as well. She thinks we need to make clear that we evaluate our services. She said the standards are not necessarily all about assessment. Victoria Swinney agrees that services are important. Susan Jeffries mentioned that it is extremely difficult to measure some of these outcomes. Beth Freeman agreed with Susan that it is difficult to measure, as well as finding the staff resources to do so. Mike suggested we get together late summer or fall. Tamie suggested Mike work with the OCALD Assessment Committee to plan this get together. Tamie invited everyone who is interested to participate in the planning process. Don stated that one of the reasons that ACRL is moving this way is to respond to the regional accrediting agencies expectations. Don recommended that members of the group investigate becoming consultant evaluators. These principles are an attempt to answer the ‘so what’ question. The Greater Western Library Alliance met recently and Patty Iannuzzi, Dean of Libraries at UNLV, led a workshop on what these principles mean. Brinley Franklin at the University of Connecticut looks at assessment of collections from an output perspective. Tamie suggested that this topic is so complex that we might consider this to be a running theme for the next year.

- Conclusion

Don Gilstrap thanked the group for their mentorship and feedback and also how much he enjoyed the working with the group.

Mike Rusk moved to adjourn. Adrian Alexander seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:45