

Distance Learning Interest Group
GLA Midwinter
January 11th, 2019
Middle Georgia State University
12:45pm-1:23pm

Notes recorded by Samantha Paul

Attendees:

- Jason Puckett (Chair) - Georgia State University
- Samantha Paul (Secretary) - Valdosta State University
- Casey Long - Agnes Scott
- Ashley Hoffman - Kennesaw State
- Shannon Gibson - Chattahoochee Tech

Group Communication

Listserv

- Has been set up.
- Currently used primarily for announcements.
- Desire for ongoing communication has been mentioned.
 - Anybody can post to listserv, not just officers.
 - Previously proposed to post a topic once a month to the listserv.
 - We can still do this.
 - Possible topics/formats: What kind of software do you use to film videos? Ask for assistance from collective wisdom.
 - Things to consider: How to deal with “spillover”/if the listserv becomes too active. Also the timing of posts because of academic obligations (certain periods of the year are more active than others for academic librarians).
- Not every member of interest group subscribed to listserv.
 - Proposed to subscribe everyone.
 - No one at the meeting was opposed as long as it was easy to unsubscribe.

Online meetings/discussion/synchronous meetings

- What software to use? Webex was proposed - Chair has access to subscription through institution.

- Brief conversation around the idea of proposing that GLA acquire a generic online platform rather than relying on individual's subscription, which could help other interest groups and future interest group chairs.
 - Later conversation revealed budget concerns.
- Formats Proposed:
 - Roundtable Topic Discussion
 - Potential topics:
 - Badging
 - LibWizard
 - Potential to prep for a LibWizard conversation with a reading before the discussion.
 - Bring a thing you've made/Show & Tell or "focus on peer-sharing"
 - Potentially this could happen in April/Spring.

Plans for 2019

Webinar

- In the past have done one every year. Last year's webinar was [Joelle Pitts and Collaborative Design](#).
 - Chair will request honorarium.
 - Suggestions for topics or speakers
 - Results from past poll:
 - Characteristics of distance learners (16.5%)
 - Engaging online students (70.9%)
 - Usability design for online learning (46.8%)
 - Accessibility for online learning (30.4%)
 - Instructional design for online learning (55.7%)
 - Marketing services to distance students (39.2%)
 - Embedded librarians in online courses (41.8%)
 - Distance learning strategic planning and program design (29.1%)
 - future-proofing and efficiency of design for distance services (1.3%)
 - LibGuides design (1.3%)
 - One potential speaker mentioned was Sarah Steiner on the topic of student motivation.
 - Another possible topic was podcasts. Possible speakers mentioned: Charlie Bennett, Rachel Evans.
 - Concerns over whether it would be instruction-related.
 - Look at past conference sessions.

- Proposed to take two or three suggestions from past poll/interest group brainstorming to run another poll to ensure more voices are heard.
- Other topics mentioned: LibApps API, modules.
- Interest in collaborating with Carterette to help attendance and piggyback on their infrastructure.
 - Later conversation with Ashley Dupuy from the Carterette Series Webinars Planning Team revealed that the September slot was open.
 - They would need a speaker name by July.
- Other ideas for topics/speakers, email us:
 - Chair: Jason Puckett: (jpuckett@gsu.edu)
 - Vice Chair: Emily Thornton (ethornton@brenau.edu)
 - Secretary: Samantha Paul (sepaul@valdosta.edu)

Sponsored Session at GLC

- Have had panels in the past: Supporting Distance Learning - Best Practices (2017) and Can We Chat?: A Panel Discussion of Virtual Reference (2018).
- Possible topic: Faculty outreach or outreach.
 - Results from poll could also inform topic.

To-do List

Request speaker fee - \$300 - Chair.

Get updated roster/make sure attendees are on membership list - Secretary (see Mack Freeman e-mail)

Contact Carterette organizers (Ashley Dupuy) to see if we can claim September 18 slot

Subscribe all members to listserv