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**
- 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