Southern Connecticut State University

College of Education

Department of Information and Library Science

Information and Library Science Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, March 22, 2024

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Virtual

UNAPPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Antonucci, Ms. Bernhey, Dr. Beth, Mr. DeMilia, Mr. Farara, Dr. Kim, Ms. Knapp, Dean Langley (Chair), Ms. Minichiello, Ms. Paul, Mr. Piezzo, Mr. Pittman, Dr. Sassu, Dr. Schander, Dr. Shaw

RECORDER

Ms. Opalenik

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION

New board members:

Kari Sassu, Interim Dean, College of Education, SCSU

Noah Pittman, Graduate Student Representative, SCSU

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve previous minutes by Ms. Knapp, and seconded by Mr. DeMilia

Motion: to approve the minutes from November 17, 2023

Vote: all in favor 11; opposed 0; abstained 4

BUSINESS

* MLIS Stakeholders Meeting in Conference Room 6 at CLA Conference, on Monday, April 29: Session 4 @ 1:50 PM-2:20 PM;

Please stop by to show your support!

* New tenure-track assistant professor search;

This appointment is not a new position, it is a replacement for a retiring faculty member, Dr. Bielefield. Eleven applicants have applied and there are several good candidates. Geographically, they are from everywhere. Video interviews are currently ongoing. Because of the late start in the search, there may be a time constraint in hiring for the fall semester if the candidate is from outside the U.S.

Note: Ms. Knapp made the following motion and Mr. DeMilia second.

Motion: to have a resolution to honor Dr. Bielefield for all her years of dedication to library science profession, the community, and students.

Vote: all in favor 15, opposed 0; abstained 0

* Spring 2024 MLIS enrollment;

The Undergraduate program will be closing at the end of the fall semester 2024.

Enrollment of the MLIS Graduate program continues to grow.

Facts:

Spring 2023 Spring 2024

119 students 136 students

Full –time students 36%

Part-time students 64%

Out of state students 11%

Minorities 24%

Male students 22%

Prediction that the growth of enrollment will level off at 200 students.

* BB9 Student Learning Outcome data collection and summary (Spring 2023);

Dr. Kim reviewed the BB9 Student Learning Outcome data collection and summary from the Spring 2023 semester. Data collection from Student Learning Outcomes is collected from each course at the end of each semester. Each instructor analyzes the data and determines the strengths and weaknesses of the course. An Action Plan is devised to improve the course and implemented the next time it is offered. This process is closing the loop by continually assessing each course and the MLIS program overall.

* Review of the results of the Graduate Fall 2023 Exit Survey;

Dr. Kim reviewed the results of the Graduate Fall 2023 Exit Survey. Ten students replied to the survey. Overall, the results were good.

It was suggested to add a question regarding the Internship feedback.

It was suggested to have winter session internships to provide more flexibility for students.

* Review of Library Employer Survey Draft;

Dr. Kim reviewed the Library Employee Survey draft, asking for comments. The survey goes out on four CT library community listservs. Please let Dr. Kim know of any additional listservs that should be included. Several suggestions were made, and Dr. Kim will make the updates. If you have any additional suggestions, please email Dr. Kim.

* Other.

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

TBA

MEETING ADJOURNED

2:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Opalenik, Recorder

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