University of Hawaii Libraries Information Literacy Committee
Meeting of September 11/2006

Present: Thora Abarca, Randy Hensle (recorder), Xin Li, Anne McKenna, Paula Mochida, Diane Nahl, Kevin Roddy, Tara Severns, Jue Wang

Guest: Diane Kunichika

I. Approval of Minutes From May 19, 2006. Approved.

II. Open Issues

A. Diane Kunichika Proposal for LIS 699 this semester. Diane is working on a variety of projects at UHM that involve or relate to new technology applications for information literacy. In particular she is developing an information literacy wiki and the use of social network environments such as MySpace for Sinclair Library's outreach efforts. Her LIS699 will be to examine the literature and development these applications and design assessment mechanisms for their effectiveness as learning approaches. Her project relates to the work that has already been done on rubrics for LILO.

A general discussion followed Diane's presentation about UH campus efforts distinguish outcomes and competencies and relate them to information literacy standards and general education requirements on the individual campuses.

B. Update on LILO Enhancements. Kevin discussed his efforts to clarify the project identification feature of LILO. LILO users will now be prompted for project name, campus, course, and class level. After discussion it was decided that Kevin will strive to create a way to gather data about whether the user is doing LILO as part of a distance education course. He reported that 470 students have used LILO thus far this semester. He will create a site map for LILO.

Kevin noted that the challenge for the group is to transform LILO into an instructional approach for the nature of inquiry as information literacy from its current state of being an approach to teaching how to do a research paper. The desire is for more interactivity.

Kevin reported that he is eliminating guest accounts because they act as a gateway to hackers of LILO.

C. Update on LILO Promotional Items on Each Campus; Different Strategies to Promote LILO. Ellen Peterson reported in absentia that she is working to apply the new LILO brand throughout LILO.

Thora suggested that we develop video clips that are embedded in LILO that tell stories from student perspectives about the application of LILO concepts to lifelong information use situations. She reports that UH Hilo is creating posters from the LILO publicity cards.
Jue reported that Leeward Community College is having success with the LILO publicity cards. [500 cards have been distributed to each campus]. She also noted that she has created the new information literacy tutorial and exams for ENG100 and ENG22. LCC has decided to use the new tutorial and exams in Spring 2007. Any student who takes ENG100 or ENG22 is required to pass the respective exam. LILO is used as a supplement in learning information literacy.

Kevin reported that he has distributed the recent Ka Leo article about LILO to faculty at Kapiolani Community College. He is also working on campus radio announcements.

Anne reported that she has discussed LILO at her liaison meetings.

Tara reported that she has discussed LILO at department chairs meetings at Windward Community College and has given LILO publicity cards to her campus’ writing center.

Xin reported that she attended a Honolulu Community College campus welcome event and discussed LILO. She has been working with the Chair of the English Department. She will be distributing the Ka Leo article at her campus.

D. Report on the IMLS Grant Proposal to Train Information Literacy Specialists. Diane Nahl discussed the nature of the 21st Century Librarian Grant of IMLS that LIS, UHM Libraries, and UHM College of Education individuals have been developing. The grant is for one million dollars to fund an enhanced LIS curriculum and a progressive series of practicum instructional experiences for a cohort of ten LIS students. If the grant proposal is funded, the grant would enable start-up work in Fall, 2007, with the first students beginning the curriculum and practicum in Spring 2008. LIS students selected for this cohort would receive tuition and other funding to support their practicum work and to participate in campus and professional activities related to information literacy. She requested support for the committee to develop information literacy practicum projects for their campuses and be willing to mentor/supervise LIS students placed in these projects. Committee members were enthusiastic about support this grant if funded. Nahl requested that committee members formally express their willingness to create a practicum project and mentor to her by 10/20/06.

III. New Business

A. Possible Faculty Meeting on LILO in Spring 2007. Committee agreed to organize a faculty meeting the week of May 14, 2007. The committee decided the topic of the meeting would be assessment for information literacy and articulation of system-wide information literacy competencies. A keynote speaker for this topic from a community college setting will be identified. A writing faculty member was considered particularly relevant.

B. Where Do We Want to Take LILO? In addition to Kevin's earlier comment about having LILO be less about how to write a research paper, other suggestions included the observation by Thora that LILO doesn't address information literacy for science students.
very well. It was suggested that LILO "echo" back student answers as examples as a device within the LILO structure. Thora's idea about video clips of student examples for applying information literacy to their lives was mentioned again.

These could be scenarios for why information literacy matters. The need for more LILO content regarding primary vs. secondary sources was discussed. Committee members were asked to bring possible scenario topics to the October meeting.

C. Brainstorm on other ways that we can Integrate Information Literacy into the General Education Curriculum. The committee decided that the previous discussions had addressed this agenda item.

IV. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm. NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2006, 9am - 11am. This meeting is a Polycom meeting. Hamilton Library Yap Conference Room is the Oahu site for those wanting to attend.