

**DIAL-South
Draft Minutes
Business Meeting at Occidental College
Friday, May 12, 2006**

Attendees: Stephanie Ballard, CSU Northridge; Angela Boyd, SMPL; Karin Durán, CSU Northridge; Sarah Lehmann, Occidental; Sophie Lesinska, USC; Susan Luévano, CSU Long Beach; Jennifer Masunaga, Occidental; Valeria Molteni, CSU Dominguez Hills; Barbara Miller, CSU Fullerton; Marla Peppers, Occidental; David Rios, UC Riverside; Judith Samuel, Cal Lutheran; Susan Shapiro, MSMC; Julie Shen, Cal Poly Pomona

1. Introductions and Announcements

The meeting, held in the Braun Room of Occidental's Mary Norton Clapp Library, was called to order by co-chair, Sophie Lesinska. The group was please to welcome some new faces to our business meeting. They were Karin Durán, CSUN; David Rios, UCR; Julie Shen, Cal Poly Pomona; Sarah Lehmann and Jennifer Masunaga, Occidental graduates and former Mellon interns, who will be entering the UCLA MLIS program this fall. Jennifer came to present a short description of the Mellon Library Recruitment program later in the meeting.

Stephanie announced that Karin Durán is receiving the Extraordinary Service Award, given to one faculty member each year at CSU-Northridge. She will receive \$1000 which she will donate to the library to be used as a scholarship or toward recruitment. Sophie informed us that USC is beginning to collect materials on the history of Islam and the medieval Middle East. Julie Shen reported that Cal Poly Pomona Library received a Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) grant last October worth \$2 million over five years. The grant will be used to strengthen the multimedia collection, to improve learning technology and to teach information literacy.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Agenda and minutes were approved. Minutes will be posted on the DIAL web site.

3. Report on CARL Conference at Asilomar

Conference attendees from DIAL-South met with their counterparts in DIAL-North over lunch on Saturday. The northern group, chaired by Mardi Chalmers, isn't as active as DIAL-South, but hopes to recruit new membership in the coming year.

Several DIAL members presented at the conference. Shahla Bahavar participated in the Friday pre-conference program, " Creative Strategies for Learning and Leading: Learning Commons: Purposes, Relationships & Outcomes." The Saturday Poster Sessions included a poster presentation by Shahla and Sophie of USC called, " Tiered Reference Project: Library Staff Members and Professional Librarians in Pursuit of Excellence ." Stephanie Ballard and Marcia

Henry of CSUN presented a poster called, " New Tools for Cited and Citing Reference Searching."

4. Program Planning - MOLAA, Sunday July 9

As this is an admission-free day at MOLAA, we will not charge for the program. The group decided to emphasize that this is a child-friendly program. We won't know the exact program of events for that day until July 1, but we should be able to take a docent tour as a group. We plan to meet when the museum opens at 11 a.m. The group will lunch together around 1:30 p.m. Stephanie will alert the museum café. DIAL-South hopes to use this event as a recruitment tool, so DIAL-South brochures will be printed. CARL may be able to provide funds for printing as this would be an Interest Group support project. We decided to invite librarians and library staff working at our institutions. Stephanie will put an item in the CARL newsletter and will send announcements to the CARL and other listservs, including MLIS student listservs.

5. Improving Outreach to the San Diego Area

Gloria Rhodes from San Diego State University has requested that DIAL-South have meetings in or near San Diego. There were several good ideas about improving outreach to librarians in the San Diego area. It was suggested that DIAL-South 'piggy-back' on SCIL meetings, which always have good attendance from all parts of Southern California. We would meet on the same day, at the same place and have either a lunch or afternoon business meeting following the SCIL morning meeting. It was also suggested that DIAL and SCIL might have a meeting-based discussion or a collaborative program. Some suggested topics were: (1.) Integrating diversity into IL - transformational work; (2.) An open forum on instructional issues in diverse communities. A future action item will be contacting the SCIL chairs about possibilities.

Other ideas: (1.) Put an invitation to host future DIAL-South meetings on the DIAL listserv; (2.) ask DIAL member librarians at UCI, Saddleback College, and San Diego County institutions to host future meetings; (3.) Announce business meetings on MLIS student listservs.

6. Fall Election of Officers

This fall Stephanie will step down as co-chair. This position requires a two-year commitment. Other positions that will open are Secretary, Registrar and Historian, which are one-year positions. It is possible for current officers to be re-elected, if they choose to run. Elections will take place at the next business meeting.

7. UCLA Diversity Summit

Stephanie reported on a recent change in the Diversity Summit's objective. The planning committee has decided to make it "invitation only" with a maximum of 250 attendees. Because the summit's focus is on strategies for recruiting a diverse workforce in libraries, the planners will ask agencies and individuals to select attendees, including representatives from campus career centers. Stephanie will get DIAL on the invitation list with the co-chairs as invitees. She also took names of individual DIAL members who would be willing to facilitate sessions at the

Diversity Summit. The day will consist of three sessions and a working lunch, with tables assigned to the attending organizations. DIAL could have a table.

8. Presentation on Mellon Library Recruitment Program

Jennifer Masunaga gave a short presentation about her experiences as a two-time Mellon intern in the Occidental College Library. The paid internship enabled her to work on a collection development project addressing multiculturalism, to create pathfinders on diversity, and to work on a multicultural display for the library. Marla Peppers manages the grant and acts as mentor to the student interns.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation provides grant money for a internships addressing librarian recruiting and diversity issues at the undergraduate level. The present grant extends to five liberal arts colleges with a diverse student body and four historically Black colleges. At Occidental the grant money pays stipends to interns at three levels. There are semester long internships, a summer internship with a curriculum component, and a one-year, post-graduate, Library Associate position, when the intern takes on supervisory and administrative roles.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on either August 18 or August 25. Location to be decided.

Submitted by Susan Shapiro, DIAL-South Secretary, 2005-2006