

MCMLA Research Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 30; 12:45-1:45 p.m. (MT); 1:45-2:45 p.m. (CT)

Met via Skype conferencing and SkypeOut; Roz got dropped a couple of time (we got her back), but other than that it worked well.

ATTENDING: Liz Burns, Roz Dudden, Judy Feintuch, Claire Hamasu, Jeanne Le Ber and Susan Sanders

Agenda:

1. MCMLA Research Website (Roz)

Committee made suggestions about the Research Web page. Roz will remove the notable quotes (which is old) and replace with a Research Resources page. We would also like to link past award winners and create a link for "Committee Minutes and Reports." Roz will list herself as the webmaster/contact at the bottom of the page.

Jeanne mentioned the Research interviews that were played at MLA and wanted to know if these could be linked from the Research website and Claire wondered if they could be played at the 2007 meeting. Roz will talk to Kate about this; Claire will talk to the MCMLA program committee.

ACTION: Committee members will provide Roz with briefly annotated resources for the Research Resource page.

2. 2008 Cody MCMLA Meeting – October 3-7, 2008

Theme: Open Spaces; Frontier Places

Jeanne spoke with Brenda Pfannenstiel about doing her research class at the 2008 meeting. Brenda will get back to us about this later this week. Susan suggested that we could extend Brenda's class to 6-hours and offer a hands-on consultation, mentoring section of the class. (In the works!)

3. Susan is working on an article about the Journal Club experiment done in 2005-2006. Help was offered by Roz (who has the JC transcripts) and Liz (who has the emails).

4. Review MCMLA program submissions

There were **2 posters** and **1 paper** submitted by MCMLA members. (This does not include our poster submission.) The deadline for abstract submissions was extended to May 31 – so there may be more coming.

In reviewing the abstracts, it was clear that none of the submissions were research. But we had ideas that might turn these submissions into research papers.

ACTION: Committee members will send their suggestions to Jeanne. Jeanne will summarize the ideas and we will proceed from there.

For the **Art and Medicine** abstract: Judy felt there was a potential for performing a review of articles/resources related to Art and Medicine and producing a bibliography. It was also suggested that the authors could track attendee responses to the art work and identify outcomes related to having the art work in the library. And Susan felt they could identify themes of the faculty artwork and common threads. (Just brainstorm ideas!)

The Moodle abstract is a case report; could possibly compare different course management tools or compare the in-person student experiences to the online student experiences without time being an issue. Or compare evaluations from both sessions and retention of knowledge.

For the Via Christi Libraries surveys – their original paper was research; would they be willing to present that with the survey methods being a part of that?

5. **Benchmarking** – Roz indicated that the Benchmarking Committee met at MLA and they will be looking to do the surveys in the Fall. (There is data from 2002 and 2004). There will be some work in contact hospital libraries to get them to participate. Roz will let us know if she needs help.
6. **Other:** Claire will be the Research Committee next year. She is looking for two additional volunteers.
7. **Future meeting dates:**
Time: 1:15-2:15 p.m. (MT) (2:15-3:15 CT) **Dates:**
June 20 July 25 Aug 29 Sept 19 Omaha

Minutes submitted by JML – May 31, 2007

Goals for 2006-2007

1. Identify a set of core questions related to the value of hospital libraries; this will lead to a region wide study on the importance of information provided by the hospital library.
2. Review and update the **MCMLA Research Committee website**.
3. Ask MCMLA for a **budget of \$250** to fund two research awards to be given at the MCMLA meeting in Omaha (one for a poster and one for a paper).
4. Inform ourselves about the **research process**
5. Mentor our colleagues about the research process, encouraging them to turn a poster or paper into a research project.
6. **Award two research awards** at MCMLA 2007 in Omaha
7. **Hold monthly meetings.**
We agreed to meet the 4th Wednesday of every month from 1:15-2:15 via some phone conferencing method. We are hoping that a combination of Skype and phone will work.
8. For **MCMLA 2007** do a poster about the research process (informational). For **MCMLA 2008** do a research poster about how we assisted conference submitters

turn their submissions into a research report. (Essentially a report on what we do this coming year.)

9. Provide support for MLA's Benchmarking project.
10. Encourage former MCMLA Research Committee members to do a research paper/poster on the Journal Club experiment done in 2005-2006.
11. Sponsor a journal club that focuses on research (how to conduct, impact, etc) for members of the region. (added and related to Barb's #1)

MCMLA Research Committee – Statement of Purpose:

The Research Committee encourages MCMLA chapter members to engage in research activities by providing mentorship and support. The Committee advertises the availability of an annual award for the best paper and best poster that is presented at the annual chapter meeting. The judging of the work is performed by committee members based on published criteria. In order to cultivate the research process, the committee's website provides links to resources, classes, services and committee business as a way to improve the knowledge and skills needed to perform and present research.