

MCMLA Research Committee
Wednesday, Apr 2, 2008 2pm MT, 3pm CT

Skype

Attending: Liz Burns, Roz Dudden, Claire Hamasu (Chair), Judy Feintuch, Barb Jones, Susan Sanders

Absent: Camillia Gentry

TO DO:

1. Cam, Claire and Barb will continue to follow up with marketing class participants and schedule a teleconference if there is enough interest.
2. All members from April 7, 2008 and before the next meeting on May 7, 2008 will review report and data on the journal club at <http://mcmlaresearch.pbwiki.com/>
Edits can be made directly on the document using Word's Track Changes feature. Comments should be added at the end of the document.
3. Susan will contact Brenda Pfannenstiel about getting a copy of the latest version of Research 101 [Note: this is done]
4. Susan with Judy and Roz will come up with a plan for adding Research 101 to the Research Wiki.
5. Roz will send list of Benchmarking participants to committee.
6. Claire will draft a message to include with flashdrives signed by Roz as Benchmarking Liaison and Claire as Research Committee Chair
7. Claire will contact MCMLA about how they want to use the extra flash drives.

AGENDA:

1. Update on To Do List
 - o Claire, Cam and Barb will met and discussed working with marketing class participants.
 - o Claire sent an email to the MCMLA Executive Committee and the 2008 Annual Program Committee describing the assistance we will provide for papers and poster selection.

2. Mentoring Colleagues - Marketing Project Coordination – Barb
Cam, Claire, and Barb reviewed the projects. Cam identified the three major themes that was the focus of the studies:
How are people using the library?
What do people know about the library?
How should the library communicate information about its services and resources?

We discussed the limited response to our original email about participating in a joint project with other chapter members. We decided to call the participants and invite them to a session where the successful could be shared and discussed. Hopefully, this would lead to members wanting to work with each other on a joint project. Two librarians on Barb's list and one on Claire's list are interested in attending. Both still have a few more calls to make.

3. MCMLA research papers and posters- Claire

Claire asked for a volunteer to chair the second group of judges for the annual meeting. Susan volunteered. She and Cam will coordinate the judging teams, one for abstracts the other for posters. Additional candidates for judges were suggested from the pool of instructors teaching at the meeting (e.g., Connie Schardt, Lisa Traditi). Judges need to come from the pool of attendees to the meeting since that's where the papers will be presented and the poster displayed.

4. Journal Club experiment paper – Susan

Susan has written another draft of the paper following the Schardt/Garrison format recommendations. Two evaluations were distributed to journal club members—the standard MLA evaluation and one to evaluate use of the technologies. She has started entering data into an Excel spreadsheet in order to more easily compare the results of the evaluations. The most significant information is coming from the comments. Susan reviewed some of her observations about what the data is showing: in-person journal club members had a higher satisfaction rate than phone and instant messaging participants. She asked whether she should review the evaluations submitted by each participant for consistency.

Starting on Monday 4/7/08 members are asked to take a look at the report and the spreadsheet and make comments.

5. Research Wiki – Claire

Claire asked the members if someone was willing to take responsibility for moving ahead on the research wiki. Roz was elected incoming, incoming chair of the MLA Research Section and is involved in section program planning for the meeting and can't devote much time to this till June. Susan volunteered. She will request an updated document from Brenda Pfannenstiel so that she and Judy can start converting it for the wiki. Roz said she'd be willing to help with the decision making.

6. Benchmarking

Roz received a final report of participants for the Benchmarking survey. MCMLA had 35 participants. We were 3rd among chapters for number of participants and 2nd among chapters for % of members participating. Roz will send out a message to the chapter will send the list to committee so that the flash drives can be mailed.

7. MCMLA Annual Meeting CE

Liz updated us on the CE decisions made by the Education Committee. They have decided to invite Connie to offer her critical appraisal class. The other class that supports the priorities of the research committee is Measuring Your Impact taught by Betsy Kelly and Barb Jones.

The research committee decided to suggest that all members attending a CE session be entered into a drawing to receive one of the 15 extra MCMLA flash drives.

Next Meeting

May 7, 2008 2pm MT, 3pm CT

Priorities for 2007- 2008

Members Responsible	Priority
Roz Dudden	Maintain the MCMLA Research Committee website.
Roz Dudden, Susan Sanders, Judy Fientuch	Inform ourselves about the research process by producing a research wiki. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the content for Brenda Pfannenstiel's class • Committee members augment the class content
Cam Gentry, Claire Hamasu, Barb Jones	Mentor our colleagues about the research process, encouraging them to turn a research project into a poster or paper. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use projects submitted for marketing workshop
Claire Hamasu, Barb Jones	Award two research awards at MCMLA 2008 in Cody WY Claire Hamasu and Barb Jones will review the abstracts and decide which should be accepted for the annual meeting. Cam Gentry and Susan Sanders will chair the teams that will determine which paper and poster will receive the best research award. Two additional members will be selected for each judging team.
Susan Sanders, Liz Burns	Complete paper on the Journal Club experiment done in 2005-2006.
COMPLETED!	
All members	Provide support for MLA's Benchmarking project. Flash Drives were ordered to reward all those who participated in project. Members contact hospital librarians to encourage participation.
Liz Burns, Cam Gentry	Recommend to the MCMLA annual meeting CE committee workshop on collecting and using statistics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Critical appraisal taught by Connie Schardt