

MLIS Program Committee Report

November 1, 2016

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The following members of the MLIS Programming Committee met on Tuesday, November 1, 2016:

- Tammy Clegg
- Courtney Douglass
- Ken Heger
- Renee Hill
- Ursula Gorham
- Paul Jaeger
- Lindsay Sarin
- Jeff Waters
- Erin Zerhusen

The committee met to:

- Vote on Ursula Gorham and Paul Jaeger's proposals for INST 607 and LBSC 735
- Hear an update regarding changes to INST 632's prerequisites
- Hear input for suggestions to the Current Student Survey

The Committee explored three main topics during the meeting.

1. **Course Proposals**

- INST 607: Access to Government Information and Services
 - Brian suggested that the course title begin with "Enabling" or "Providing," ie "Providing Access to Government Information and Services" or "Enabling Access..."
- LBSC 735: Information Professionals and the Law
 - This course is designed to be ideal for students who want to work with legal information in a law library
 - Primary focus will be on providing legal information to the public
 - Contacts from FedLink could come in to discuss their work and share experiences
 - This would provide a tangible access point for archives students
 - Vote will take place via email as updated course description and syllabus roll out

2. **INST 632 Prerequisites**

- INST 631 Fundamentals of Human Computer Interaction has been proposed to be added as a prerequisite for INST 632 Human-Computer Interaction Design Methods
- The committee must vote on these changes to HCIM requirements because they are open to MLIS students
- These courses have been sequenced in this way previously, this is a step to make the prerequisite official
- Proposal was unanimously approved

3. **Current Student Survey Suggestions**

- The only question suggestion for the Current Student Survey came from Courtney, who is concerned that the question about MLIS program communication was unclear and suggested that the question may need to more obviously state that it is intended for students to appraise incoming communications.

Paul concluded the meeting at 12:45 PM.