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MLIS Program Committee
November 7, 2018

AGENDA
In attendance: Ken, Kate, Renee, Ursula, Paul, Morgan, Erin, Suzy
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1. Update on Accreditation (Paul)
●   Paul: we have our first invoice for reaccreditation from ALA. We have begun data collection. We have many more things to accomplish. We are on our way. We have not lost hope, that's scheduled for later. I don't currently need anything from the committee. We're starting to get the website up, via the communications people.

   A. ALISE and ALA Surveys (Morgan)
   ●   Morgan: Alise survey is almost done. Kate did part of it, Emily did part of it. Melekte is working on part of the ALA one and we are ecused from the 10 page narrative because we're doing accreditation. For ALISE, we can put an advertisement on the homepage of their website - we're paying them a lot of money. They have awards and grants, possibility to participate in ALA shared ALISE booth.
   ●   Erin: Being able to have shared participation in ALISE booth, we still have to pay for it. Dan and I did it this past year, we gt maybe 18 inches of width of the table, people thought we were part of the ALISE people.
   ●   Morgan: ALISE is due dec 15, ala is due December 1.

2. Update on Admissions (Erin)
●   Erin: there will be further discussion about admisss later. We got 81 applications for spring 2019, we offered admission to 67, and we have 2 that hopefully all have reviewed. We have the potential for a large class this year. Right around 60, 62. We went a little bit over that. More of these applicants were LBSO, so we have a better chance of accommodating. 38 have said yes, 3 have said no. We still have 26 who still haven't made an enrollment decision. I think the other thing I'll say is that we have one person who we rated 5 stars, said no. 5 stars, 6 people said yes. 3 who haven't made their decision. Going to send specific requests for them accepting admissions.
●   For people who have yes: we have 16 stated archives and digital curation. 13 diversity and inclusion, way higher than previous years. 1 legal informatics. 2

school ibrary and 4 YX. 6 people who said IPP and haven't made an enrollment decision.

- Ursula: Bigger number of YX?
- Erin: Yes. Final deadline to accept or decline is Dec 20th.
- Ursula: And we send a reminder?
- Erin: Morgan and i are going to figure out a communication plan, talking about deadlines and registering and online registration, the deadline will be part of that and be reiterated multiple times. We're going to need to figure out what that looks like for Fall 2019.
- Ursula: my one question would be, since we will have more applications, is our plan to do the same thing and open up to other faculty members? And do we push more because there's more applications?
- Erin: i think it's good, because the people who don't want to do it don't have to and the people who want to be more participatory are able to. It takes some of the pressure off the main admissions team.
- Ursula: we will return to admissions stuff at the end of the meeting.

3. Curriculum related to Intelligence and Health Informatics (Ursula and Kate).
- Ursula: there have been discussions about the Intelligence and Analytics specialization. Similar discussions about health informatics.
- Kate: David loshn and Michelle simon approached me about adding an INtelligence certificate to the MIM portfolio. I know y'all have never loved that specialization. I think it will be useful to come together and see whether there is a better home for it, or if there's something cross-program we can leverage. I have no idea where the meeting will go, but it's worth us talking and seeing how we can best provide intelligenc related coursework. David is really fired up about Intelligence within the MIM coursework.
- Erin: we have currently two applicants interested in intelligence and analytics.
- Ursula: we got an email from someone questioning when we're going to offer government information class. While we're figuring it out, we need to get these classes offered. I don't know what that means for students who end up choosing the specialization. Not sure what way is to move forward in way that doesn't disadvantage students. Do we continue to advertise the specialization? Or what are people's thoughts?
- Erin: i think if our plan is to stop offering the classes, we ned to stop advertising the specialization.
- Paul: with intelligence and analytics, we offer a number of the classes already. Designed to be as low an impact as possible. One of the things that Brian floated is that we stop having the specialization, but start having one credit courses -

Working In a Government Agency! Getting the courses offered is a legal informatics problem.

- Ursula: The meeting next will will provide some clarification. We're not offering Government Information. We need to get that on the schedule for the fall. I think it's useful for people in other specializations. It needs to be face to face. That's how the legal informatics specialization was set up.
- Kate: it's not a problem to put that class on the schedule, as long as we have someone to teach it and people to take it.
- Ursula: let's get that on the schedule and I'll help kate with finding an instructor.
- Kate: we're looking at an adjunct or an overload.
- Ursula: the application can only be changed once a year. So the specialization is on there. Provides us with more data about how it appeals to MLIS people. It seems to me that her'es some sort of disconnect - team doesn't understand it, not gaining traction with students.
- Kate: MIM developing new courses would add some opportunities to the specialization. David got interested when eh met Mary Ann Francis. Their certificate would be different than outs. Collaborative development to get more courses on the subject.
- Ursula: For our specializations, can they take MIM classes?
- Kate: nothing is officially MIM. We're trying to phase out INFM and focus on LBSC and INST.
- Paul: there used to be a couple of specializations across the programs. There's precedent. We did have some productive specializations across the programs before MIM changed drectors.
- Kate: I've been looking for ways to leverage efficiencies. It might be good to invest in things that serve both communities.
- Ursula: I feel that on our own, I'm not sure how to get out of the cycle of no one understands what we're doing and we don't understand what we're doing.
- Kate: we can talk a bout that at the meeting.

Health Informatics

- Kate: grant to create joint programs with UMB and college park. We will explore ways to cooperate. Much proposed, much gone away. A joint masters and professional studies. The idea being that MLIS and MIM would develop a specialization of 4 classes. We ask UMB to develop other courses to pull the master together. It's worth talking about Health Informatics is an appropriate specialization and how it factors into your program. I'm interested in a stacking program, that still makes something cohesive.
- Suzy: UMUC has an online health informatics program.

- Kate: that hasn't been an issue with UMUC. Part of problem with joining different programs is that we each have different goals and some of us have accreditation's, and room for electives
- Paul: The question here would be, what can we add to this that is more than mechanical? I have not been directly involved at any point, but the expectations have been of a clerical sense. How to use spreadsheets. One of the things to think about is it just saying, health informatics, or emphasizing the social aspects.
- Kate: Beth had put together a draft for health librarianship specialization. MIM and MLIS collaboration should be thinking about what they need for their master's degrees. Andwe will work on making a stackable, cohesive degree. MLIS should put themselves first, when thinking of resources and courses. We could fund development of new courses. We will be starting with adjuncts. But i think that we're going to test the waters, see if they demand it, and then add faculty capacity.
- Ursula: do you have any idea what it looks like on MIM side?
- Kate: not yet. They have a variety of interests, thinking about electronic management. Designing for consumer and provider. They are not as far along as you.
- Ursula: we don't want this to go down the same road of intelligence and analytics. Given that we already have many specializations, i want to make sure we have demand for it.
- Kate: MIM has a big interest in this. They want to go in this direction regardless of others.
- Ursula: would you say that health informtics and intel and analytics are priorities?
- Kate: yes, not sure where they fall on their priorities list, but they are currently exploding. I'm going to pitch the stackable masters to UMB.

4. Application Review of "Maybe" Candidates (Ursula, Erin, Morgan)
**Student members should not be present.

5. Discussion of general admission criteria (GPA, work experience, LAM experience, etc.)