

ACRL Instruction Section  
IS/ALISE Joint Working Group on Curriculum

ALA Midwinter Meeting  
Friday, January 23, 2009, 12:00-2:00 PM  
Sheraton Denver, Aspen Room

Committee members present: Heidi Julien (Co-Chair), John Budd, Sheril Hook, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Sarah McDaniels (Advisory Liaison)

Excused members: Kathy Magarrell (Co-Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm

No prior minutes: this was the first meeting of the committee

- A. Discussion of primary action plans to carry out next steps for information gathering and dissemination of effective practices in library education – a) a syllabi review project to identify current resources and approaches. Heidi Julien will contact Joan Bartlett regarding the status and scope of her project; b) a literature review/annotated bibliography of research in the area of preparation for teaching work in librarianship; c) produce a directory of courses/syllabi as well as practica, internships, and other experiential learning opportunities (possibly post a request to ILI-L).

The committee discussed hiring a research assistant to take on these 3 pieces (syllabi review, literature review, and directory). Heidi will draw up a proposal to submit to ACRL including a request for funds to support this project. Other areas of related discussion included the possibility of producing a marketing piece (brochure) to provide a summary and further information (e.g., outstanding syllabi), and production of an advocacy toolkit with talking points. Advocacy should include multidirectional communication and collaboration.

- B. ALISE Conference debriefing – discussion included how to ensure that instructional training is not simply one of articulation/reinforcement of other courses. A question was raised about what is necessary, but not sufficient, e.g., pairing learning with practice. A question arose about who is teaching the instructional courses – core faculty, adjuncts, clinical instructors? There was also a question on the focus of courses, specifically whether they are open to a range of client groups, or is their focus only on academic library contexts.
- C. Discussion of final details for Sunday's discussion forum

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Minutes taken by Heidi Julien, Co-Chair IS/ALISE JWG