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NEBIC Meeting

May 12, 2000

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA

Minutes

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Nancy George, Chair, announced the welcome and introductions. She distributed an agenda and announced that the NEBIC secretary, Julie Whelan, was unable to attend today's meeting. Mary MacDonald will take minutes.

Nancy spent a few minutes describing what NEBIC does four meetings a year, one annual program, WEB in BI, and the NEBIC-L Listserv.

Nancy announced the NEBIC elections that are done via email over the NEBIC web page. She discussed who is running and that the election will end June 2 with winners being announced at the Annual Program on June 9 at Simmons.

Esme Devault of Wheelock and Holly Nagib of Wentworth Institute of Technology are chairing the Annual Program. The title of the program is "Information Literacy into the Curriculum Methods and Models for Librarians" Details on the program can be found on the [calendar](#) section of our web site.

Nancy George, Mary MacDonald and Julie Whelan have submitted a proposal for an invited paper to ACRL National for the 2001 Conference. The proposal extols the strengths, benefits and virtues of NEBIC as a contributing force in the development of information literacy in New England. (whew!) They expect to hear from ACRL after the July ALA conference is over.

Esme Devault presented a 45 minute presentation on the work she has done using CourseInfo, a product of BlackBoard.com. The program was very interesting and generated a lively question and answer period.

After the presentation the floor was opened for discussion and information sharing. Some of the threads of discussion were:

- How to save course information work from a CourseInfo type set up by burning a CD for archival and/or future use purposes.
- Discussion of how to download or dump student IDs from the Registrar into a product such as CourseInfo

The Undergraduate Librarian from UCONN raised a question about whether it is appropriate to steer students to particular databases based on their year in school ie Undergraduate Databases and Graduate Databases.

This in turn prompted discussion of how to guide/help students to decide on appropriate databases when they may not be in the library (working from computer at home or work) Faculty members make unrealistic and sometimes irrational recommendations to students for using databases and web sites. How can we inform faculty without alienating them?

Suggestions for this include faculty outreach, a faculty news section on your library web site, visiting faculty personally, invite to lunch, focus on making personal connections, get on campus committees so you work side by side with faculty, invite departments to hold one faculty meeting a year in the library so you can show them "what's new", develop a library newsletter (print or web). Another interesting suggestion ask faculty for their expertise in particular matters. It was noted that the campus culture is indicative of the results you may or may not achieve.

After a short break, the meeting resumed

Announcements of NEBICers doing presentations

Anna Litten of Emerson College will be presenting at the LOEX Conference on the First Year Experience in Michigan next week.

Sue McMullen of Roger Williams University has been invited to present on Web Usability at the ALA Annual Conference in July. Her work can be viewed at <http://gamma.rwu.edu/users/smcmullen/usable.html>

Discussion of a possible change in the NEBIC name ensued. It is generally agreed that the BI in NEBIC is antiquated. It is also recognized that according to ACRL/NEC we are an interest group and not a committee. Many new names/acronyms were discussed but none accepted as yet. We will continue to brainstorm over the summer, via the Listserv, to come up with a savvy new name that more adequately describes the goals and objectives of the interest group.

The next NEBIC meeting will be announced via the NEBIC Listserv sometime in July. The meeting adjourned at 1230 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. MacDonald, Chair-elect
5/20/00
