

LIBM Advisory Meeting Minutes

4/13/21

Members in Attendance: Cassandra Barnett, Shelby Tedford, Jamille Rogers, Jamie Stallings

Faculty in Attendance: Louis Nadelson, Erin Shaw, Kevin Powell, Rachel Shankles, Jud Copeland, and Jeff Whittingham

The meeting took place online in a Zoom session.

The meeting began with all attendees introducing themselves.

Dr. Powell shared the agenda on screen.

Dr. Powell shared information on the LIBM annual report. Students are doing well in the program and enrollment is up. Dr. Shaw shared that Praxis pass rate is 99%

Dr. Powell shared changes the LIBM program will be making in the curriculum. The faculty will be reducing the number of key assessments to be included in the exit portfolio. The faculty introduced each of the key assessments in the program. The faculty members will seek input from the committee on these changes.

Dr. Powell shared changes to the Facebook page from a private to a public page to increase engagement. Dr. Powell encouraged committee members to spread the word about the new Facebook page. Also, Dr. Powell encouraged committee members to email suggested posts to the page.

Dr. Shaw shared information on the college level recruitment efforts.

Dr. Shaw shared information on the new online teaching endorsement at UCA.

Ms. Barnett shared information that school library media certification in Arkansas publicly funded schools has reciprocity with all US states, to her knowledge.

Committee members discussed several state and national conferences in summer 2021 and Fall 2021. Some of them are online, while some are planning to be in person. Dr. Powell shared information about the state level ARLA professional development for school librarians in Arkansas.

Dr. Whittingham provided an overview of sessions for ARLA professional development including one with Dr. Charlotte Green talking about early literacy, one with the author of the Amelia Six, Kristin Gray, one where everyone shared a favorite book to book talk. Dr. Whittingham shared information that professional development opportunities will be offered next academic year, and

he encouraged committee members to share these valuable professional development opportunities with their colleagues.

Committee members discussed promoting open source software in school libraries and the use of open source software in LIBM courses.

Committee members shared information on challenges in Arkansas schools due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ms. Barnett shared informatio that many school librarians in Arkansas have become consultants; they are the troubleshooters for helping their classroom teachers do virtual learning; in the smaller district school, librarians are the technology person as well, so they're handling all the hardware as well. Ms. Barnett offered that school librarians are taking different approaches to availability of library resources and teaching based on the needs of their local schools and district.