

LIBM Advisory Meeting Minutes

4/7/2022

Members in Attendance: Cassandra Barnett, Dominique O'Shea

Members absent: Anne Canada, Brian Johnson, Ouida Cunningham, Shelby Tedford

Faculty in Attendance: Erin Shaw, Kevin Powell, Jud Copeland

The meeting took place online in a Zoom session.

The meeting began with all attendees introducing themselves.

Dr. Shaw shared the agenda on screen.

Current issues affecting school librarians centered around the challenges to books across the state and nation. The importance of our students understanding the value of a selection policy and having a challenge policy in place. Collection development was also discussed. And, the high number of waivers requested by school districts in regards to the school library and school librarian. Ensuring advocacy and highlighting of school libraries to all stakeholders (administrators, parents, school board and community) was also discussed.

Dr. Shaw shared changes the LIBM program made- we reduced the number of key assessments- eliminating the mini portfolio in LIBM 6390 and the key assessment for LIBM 6370 Children's lit class. At present- 2 assessments are being updated to ensure rubrics and assessments remain current and relevant.

Recruitment efforts were discussed- the program received a \$2500 grant- \$1000 was earmarked to serve as a sponsor at the AAIM Conference (includes vendor table and highlights in all major sessions), \$500 will be used to offer online professional development geared to school librarians and the rest for social media advertising targeted at teachers interested in the school library program. Next year- more recruiting efforts at content area conferences (Arkansas Literacy Association especially).

Committee members discussed several state and national conferences in April 2022 and summer 2022. Some of them are online, while some are planning to be in person.