Along with Elaine McCracken, Chair, members of the Program Committee (2009/2010) (Sherri Barnes, Susan Moon, Brian Mathews) planned two programs based on the LAUC theme of Leadership.

1. Leadership and Development Panel Presentation and Discussion” on February 4, 2010. Panelists included: Melinda Crawford, Employment/Training & Development Manager at UCSB, Human Resources, as well as Susan Block and Jill Scala from the Professional Development Studies Department at SBCC. Melinda Crawford spoke about Supervisor, manager and leadership competencies, and the various HR training and development opportunities at UCSB. For more information, see the Human Resources website: http://hr.ucsb.edu/tod/. Susan Block and Jill Scala outlined the SBCC Management Institute’s training approach, which can be tailored to an organization’s needs.

2. On June 17th, 1:30-3pm, Susan C. Curzon, Ph.D., Dean of Oviatt Library, CSUN, spoke on leadership in libraries. Sue defined leadership as a process of influence. Studies have determined that a good leader possesses vision, values, is a good communicator, and an even better listener, is positive, creative, courageous, and ambitious. Leadership is not forever in most cases, and there are many types of leaders: those of groups, library units, specific, short or longer-term projects. Challenges of leadership are many, including: getting followers, timing things right, right vision, checking assumptions, stepping up to the plate, developing systems thinking, mastering integration, and managing stress.