

Minutes of the LAUC-SB Meeting with Dean Jane Conoley October 30, 2006

Present: Detrice Bankhead, Angela Boyd, Jane Conoley (Guest), Wei-ling Dai, Sherry DeDecker, Brad Eden, Eric Forte, Ellen Corrigan, Jane Faulkner, Gary Johnson, Lorna Lueck, Janet Martorana, Elaine McCracken, Catherine Nelson, Bev Ryan, Lucia Snowhill, Dave Tambo, Chimene Tucker, Sally Weimer.

The membership meeting convened in the Mary Cheadle Room, 10:00-11:00 a.m. to hear an update from Dean Jane Conoley about the current University Librarian search.

Meeting convened at 10:05 by Catherine Nelson.

Dean Jane Conoley, Chair of the UCSB University Librarian Search Committee addressed the LAUC membership, sharing the committee's recent efforts and the current status of the search. Following her comments, she entertained questions from the membership.

The UL Search Committee members are: Jane Conoley, Ingrid Banks, Amr El Abaddi, Arturo A. Keller, Carol Lansing, Shirley Lim, Susan Mahaffey, Lorraine McDonnell, Constance Penley, Dar Roberts, Joel Rodriguez-Flores, David Tambo, Bruce Tiffney, and Lamia Youseff. Carol Lansing was on the last UL search (Sarah Pritchard's) and was helpful in providing guidance to the current group.

Approximately 40 nominees were approached, being a mixture of UL's and AULs, and as of Monday October 30th there were 14 completed applications in hand. The published deadline for submitting applications is November 1st. Of the 14 submitted, a few looked very strong, in Dean Conoley's opinion.

Two conference calls were conducted by the committee, seeking guidance about the qualifications needed for a 21st century university librarian. Duane Webster from ARL provided a national perspective and Tom Leonard, UL at UC Berkeley, a UC-centric view. Another conference call is to be held soon with the UL at UCSD, Brian Schottlaender.

The position is expected to be as a University Librarian however a comment was made to urge consideration of making it a dean position.

The committee recognizes that a person with keen political, interpersonal, technical, and leadership skills along with a clear vision of where we need to go, mindful of local, regional, national, and international conditions and trends, is needed for this hi-profile position.

When approaching nominees for the position, Dean Conoley remarked how candidates have a positive perception of the UCSB Libraries and, aside from the cost of living in Santa Barbara, the UL position was considered highly desirable.

Creating context for the UL search, Detrice Bankhead indicated that we're competing against other institutions searching for UL's such as USC, University of Michigan, and Florida State University.

Dean Conoley expressed interest in speaking directly to the UCSB Libraries' staff about the UL search and will work with Detrice Bankhead in setting up a meeting.

Though Dean Conoley is eager to be responsive to staff concerns over the UL search, she will be relying upon Dave Tambo to regularly update the library about the search progress. Even so, she remains available by email and phone.

Given that the application deadline is November 1st, the committee will be meeting soon thereafter.

Recorded by Gary Johnson