

Education City Library Directors Council (ECLDC)
Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 8th March, 2009

Location: Academic Bridge Program

Present: S.C. Kumaresan (ABP), Bijan Esfahani (CMU-Q), Beverley Stubbs (QA), Dana Beth (VCU-Q),

Absent: Mohammad Hammam (Heritage Library),

Apologies: Frieda Wiebe GUSFS-Q, Tracy Havlin (SM&RC), Gill Westera (NU-Q), Judy Higgins (TLCS), Aisha Al- Kelaifi (QFIS); Ellen Sayed (WCMC-Q), Ed Warro (CL), Carole Thompson (TAMUQ)

1. **Approve Minutes - Amendments to previous minutes:** With previous additions, minutes were approved
2. **Business arising - none**
3. **Policy matters:** QA circulates electronic equipment (cameras, etc) and asked about lost and damaged policies. Generally, for other centers it is an IT responsibility not through the library.
4. **Community outreach: presentations, workshops, UNESCO World Book Day**
 - There are 3 volunteers offering presentations re databases; Amani Magid (WCMC-Q) – PubMed, Yassin Noor (TAMUQ), and Bijan (CMU-Q) – Expanded Academic. The workshop is proposed for the week of 12th April, at CMU. Other possible choices include WorldCat, ProQuest Research Library, JSTOR, Emerald, and Lexis-Nexis. Each presentation will be for 15 minutes. Bijan will contact members of the committee to determine the date and time in April.
 - **UNESCO World Book Day, 23 April** Bijan will take the lead to facilitate cross-campus activities at Ed City.
5. **Updates**
 - a. **Centers**
 - **VCU-Q VCU-Q:** Graduate program has been approved by QF and will begin in August; part of the approved program includes a Materials Collection which will be managed by the Library; staff vacancy in Public Services for 1 July.
 - **CMU-Q** – ‘Pizza and Politics’, led by Student Affairs, provide lively discussion between faculty and students;
 - **ABP** - working with faculty with lessons to increase use of library;
 - b. **Conferences/workshops**
 - Blackwell NA, Oxford; April 15-17; 145 invitees (Susan Fahy attending)
 - Innovative User Group, Anaheim; May 17-20 (3 from GUSFS attending)

- Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Seattle; March 12-15; (Frieda, Isabelle, Nikki, Nancy, and Ellen considering)
- American Library Association (ALA); Annual Conference, Chicago; July 11-15 (Gill attending, Ed is on a number of boards and plans to recruit and meet with vendors)
- ACRS (Bijan)
- International Association of School Librarianship (IASL); Padua, Italy; September 2-4; (Beverley, Nerine, Judy attending)
- Special Library Association SLA-GCC, Kuwait; April 7-9 (Bijan unconfirmed)

6. AOB

- a. Plan to celebrate Rutgers graduates (5 from QA completing Online Training for Library Assistants)
- b. World Women's Day – Recommend all centers look at celebrating next year

Next meeting: 19 April Bijan CMU-Q 10:00 – 12:00

Confirm Meeting Dates - 2nd Sunday in May is 10th(unsuitable)

Meeting closed at 12:00 with appreciation to Kumar for hosting.

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Minutes recorded by Beverley Stubbs (Hon. Chair)