

2004 Report

User Education Committee

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Thank you for this opportunity to report to the Library Faculty about the User Education Committee.

Members of the User Education Committee for 2003-2004 were Melody Allison, Phill Johnson, Allison Sutton, Joe Straw, Cindy Shirkey, Helen Sullivan, Lynn Wiley, Greg Youngen, and Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe (chair). I wish to particularly acknowledge Melody Allison, Cindy Shirkey, and Allison Sutton who completed terms of service this year. I am grateful for their contributions. The User Education Committee has been ably assisted during the year by Ely Anderson and Chad Fennel, Information Literacy Graduate Assistants. Yoo-Seong Song and Chris Hamb will be joining the Committee starting in August and Melody Allison has been re-appointed as well.

The User Education Committee meets monthly, usually on the second Monday of the month. Minutes are posted on the committee web site and linked from LON.

The User Education Committee has been quite active this year and has accomplished or made significant progress on the following:

- Tracking of library-wide/multi-library instruction initiatives and campus initiatives
- Providing instruction-related advice for considering database interfaces
- Assisting with the development and beta-testing of the new instruction statistics online form for unit annual report data
- Revising the Ovid splash page directions
- Conceptualizing and assisting with the Library Fall Festival
- Began considering an orientation to Information Literacy/Instruction for New U of I Librarians
- Participating actively in the strategic planning process
- Reviewing a proposal for upgrading the Slavic Conference Room equipment
- Exploring the possibilities of TILT (Texas Information Literacy Tutorial) and MiniLibs (developed by Cindy Shirkey in the Undergraduate Library)
- Endorsing the creation of PET: Public Education Team as a subgroup of ISCC to focus on educating users about Voyager
- Staffing the Library table at the August campus new Faculty/AP Orientation

The User Education Committee looks forward to continued productivity in the coming year, building on its successes in 2003-2004.