

Student Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology

ASIST

May 2, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

ASIST Committee:

Tyson McMillan – Chair

Shelli Sharber – Vice Chair

Alex Pettit – Secretary-Treasurer

ASIST Faculty Advisors: Dr. Miguel Ruiz, Dr. Shawne Miksa

Other Faculty in Attendance: Dr. Dale Thompson

Committee Members Present: Tyson McMillan, Shelli Sharber, Alex Pettit, Sutthinan Chuenchom, Jan Reed, Wandee Tangsathitkulchai, Mehmet Demircioglu, Bekir Cakar, Amanda Lucas, and Samuel Muwanguzi. .

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 by Tyson.

II. Approval of Minutes – Tyson

Minutes of the April 11 meeting were presented by Tyson and accepted with a change to the time of adjournment. Moved by Jan, second by Sam.

III. Old Business:

UNT Student Organization Requirements:

Tyson looked up the official UNT Student Organizations Handbook. July 1 is the deadline for ASIST student chapter application. Tyson will attempt to file our application by this deadline.

Geographic Area for NT-ASIST

From the previous meeting, Tyson found that the only ASIST chapter in proximity to ours is at the University of Texas at Austin. We should have no problems from other chapters by recruiting members anywhere around the North Texas/Oklahoma area.

WIKI for NT-ASIST and the UNT ASIST Website

A Wiki is available on the ASIST website for us to develop. In addition, some updates to the existing UNT ASIST website have been done by Tyson. The meeting minutes and agendas since February 2008 have been posted. The UNT site is limited in capabilities due to the type of software required that is used to update the information. It may be possible to get a site hosted by the national ASIST organization which would provide greater functionality, possibly to include blogs, wiki's, and electronic BBS. Dr. Ruiz said he would find out what would be available and report back to our group.

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IV. New Membership Drive – Tyson

Ideas for getting new members to join the group were discussed. Dr. Ruiz suggested a five minute introduction of the ASIST group to incoming students, specifically at the Web Institute classes held in the summer and fall semesters. It was also suggested that an introduction be given to students in Dr. Schamber's SLIS 6000 class in the fall. The SLIS village (an online community specifically used by SLIS students at UNT) was identified as a place where information could be posted.

Dr. Miksa presented a poster that had been done by a previous ASIST student group specific to virtual membership, identifying how the members would stay in communication with one another, how they would exchange ideas, and continue to participate after they left UNT.

Dates for the next four meetings were announced, which are the same dates SLIS 6945 will meet in the fall. These dates are:

1. Friday, September 12, at 5:30
2. Friday, October 10 at 5:30,
3. Friday, November 7 at 5:30, and
4. Friday, December 5 at 5:30.

The first meeting will be an introductory meeting, having new members meet current members of the group. The second meeting will be the election of officers. The necessity of students to be members of ASIST in good standing was again discussed, a \$60.00 registration fee to ASIST and an online application need to be completed.

Shelli brought up the by-laws, it was agreed that this item would be discussed at the October 10 meeting after the election of officers.

Fundraising was discussed for the 2009ASIST conference, to be held in Vancouver, BC. Posters for presentation were discussed, this year's theme is people transforming information/information transforming people. Discussion of posters, the ASIST conference, and fundraising were postponed until the fall meeting.

V. New Business

Shelli brought up fundraising and planning for the 2009 ASIST conference, to be held in Vancouver, BC. Posters for presentation were discussed, Dr. Miksa recommended that we begin working on a poster in the fall with a completion target of the last week in January, 2009. Dr. Ruiz said that ASIST may be able to provide financial support to attend the conference, as could UNT if a paper or presentation is selected. Using T-shirts as a fundraiser was discussed, with a proposal to sell T-shirts at one of the first two meetings in the fall.

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Sam asked a question about the number of sections or topics were to be included in the next ASIST conference, and if it was necessary to submit a paper or poster directly to a track for it to be considered. Dr. Ruiz said that submissions are made to a central group who decides which track is the most appropriate, and that 3 or 4 papers/presentations are accepted per track. Dr. Ruiz also talked about organization of a panel session instead of a paper/poster, but that often this was as much work as a paper required.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shelli, seconded by Mehmet and accepted at 6:14 pm.