Minutes 8/28/13

Give Jennifer Rae lead time of at least two weeks for any publicity materials. Much of her work is outwardly focused publicity and outreach, with work for library services filling in as appropriate. She is the primary source of our Newswire content, and it should go through her.

Let Lora know if there are things that JRH won’t have time to do, as we may be able to recruit someone else inside the Libraries to do some work. Let Lora know also if you are trying to do much large color printing. Please copy Lora on requests made to Jennifer Rae so that she can monitor the level of our needs.

Beth reminded us that she is always looking for content for the home page rotator, and she and Arthur can help develop art to back content for short timely notices.

There may or may not be an opportunity to hire an Instruction and Outreach coordinator. This person would not be supervising the librarians, but would be coordinating the program, and providing support, possibly including technology support. The intent would be to have someone in the position by October 31, so a variety of avenues are being explored, such as looking at other candidate pools. This may or may not be a clinical position. The person would work with the Learning Commons coordinator, whom we agreed should also be a faculty member.

Questions raised:

- Where are we trying to go, and what are we trying to do, with this position? Will a ‘fast’ position hire get what we need?
- Should we take it just to have someone in the position vs. not filling it? Do we lose the money if we don’t fill it?
- At what level would this person be hired? Staff or faculty? Assistant or Associate if faculty?
- Should the position be filled in-house, as an interim? How can we give the person in the position a chance to lead, whatever their status?
- Can we find a best-possible candidate from other pools whose candidates weren’t responding to this position? Why would someone applying for the ARS directorate come for something like this?

We want someone who is better than we are, someone we can learn from, with a new vision.