

International Programs Annual Summary of Activities 2010/2011

The position of Director of International Programs for University Libraries was established on August 1, 2010 and the Working Group (IWG) began their work in October of 2010.

The first year was a year of foundation building. The Director spent much of the time attending events, meeting with appropriate individuals and laying the groundwork for the library to be an active participant in the internationalization of the UK campus.

One of the first meetings held was with the Associate Provost for International Programs in September of 2010. Five areas of concentration were identified as important to the University and the work of the Director and the IWG was arranged around the five areas. The areas include:

- Support for Externally Focused Projects
- Support for Campus Activities
- Visibility for our Existing International Collections
- Library Initiated Projects
- Intercultural Workshops for the Library Staff Who Serve Our Students

Activities in support of the areas are listed below.

Support for Externally Focused Projects

- Consortia Grant to Strengthen the Teaching at Higher Education Institutions (Kufu University, Iraq)
 - Attended the welcome reception for the faculty members
 - Organized a presentation on the role of the research library
 - Organized a hands-on-workshop in support of their research
- College of Agriculture Afghanistan Grant

- Reviewed the proposal submitted to strengthen agricultural faculties at 5 Iraqi universities and provided feedback on possible library involvement.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UK College of Education and Shanghai Normal University
 - Attended a program with an update on the project
 - Discussed with COE their plans for Distance Learning Classes
 - Met with library DLL to discuss impact on library services
 - Made supervisors aware of the potential increase in DL in both students and complexity

Support for Campus Activities

- Kentucky and South Africa
 - Supported the Kentucky and South Africa Book Club
 - Purchased the books that were to be read
 - Provided the book reviews
 - Followed the sessions on Facebook
 - Worked on arranging a guest speaker on South African Libraries (did not work out)
- Confucius Center
 - Provided a gift from King Library Press for the Confucius Center Staff to present to visiting dignitaries at their dedication
 - Gave a tour to visiting Students from Yangzhou University
 - Attended the cultural program presented by the students
 - Provided a gift from King Library Press for the Confucius Center Staff to present to the President of Yangzhou University
 - Facilitate the discussion on putting a Chinese Cultural Center in the Hub and King Library Press working with the Confucius Center on gifts
- Participated in:
 - International Education Week (flag display and vexillology contest)

- Cultural Diversity Month (2 video displays, 3 book displays on other parts of campus)
- Kentucky and South Africa Events

Visibility of Our Existing International Collections

- Created a Research guide on how to search for materials not in English. Some of the topics covered in the guide included changing the language on our database interfaces, translating articles, library catalogs both here and in other countries. The guide was well received by the members of the international task force.
- Displayed publications from other countries in Special Collections and Fine Arts Libraries for Cultural Diversity Month.
- Created a PowerPoint Presentation featuring our databases that include foreign language material and displayed it in Core 4 during the entire month of March.

Library Initiated Projects

- Library Faculty leading student groups abroad
 - Established a relationship with the Study Abroad Office
 - Met with Dr. Tony Ogden, Director of UK Study Abroad and Jeff Huber, Director of SLIS to explore opportunities for Library Faculty
 - Offered research guides to faculty members doing classes abroad
- Hosting Visiting Scholars
 - Arranged for two scholars from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Information Institute to spend 1 month in University Libraries
- Research Guide on international opportunities for librarians
 - Began identifying sources to help library faculty identify funding for international projects

Intercultural Workshops for the Library Staff Who Service Students

This is an activity rather than a major program area so it will be moved under library initiated projects.

Focus for 2011/2012

The IWG has identified several areas that we will be active in during the next academic year.

Support for Externally Focused Projects

The Director of International Programs will work with the Office of International Programs to identify opportunities for support by the library.

Support for Campus Activities

The major campus activity for the academic year is the A & S focus on China. The IWG identified a number of major activities that the library can participate in and a full schedule will be developed and submitted by August 12, 2011.

Visibility of Our Existing International Collections

A research guide will be developed to focus on China. It will highlight what is available in the UK Libraries collection as well as other sources that we can access. We will also promote more of what we have through the International Advisory Council listserv as this reaches every area on campus dealing in international initiatives.

Library Initiated Projects

Activities for 2011/2012

- Support A & S Year of China
 - One major event
 - 2 passive activities a semester
 - One electronic product
- Focus on international opportunities for Library Faculty
- Host an international librarian

- Participate in International Education Week (Chinese theme?) and Cultural Diversity month

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