

# **Town Meeting Notes**

**November 30, 2006**

Distance Learning: Linda Butson, Val Davis, Mary Edwards, Michelle Foss, Kathryn Kennedy, and Carol Turner

- ❖ Carol Drum gave a brief summary of the status of the search committee for the Dean of the Libraries.
  
- ❖ The University of Florida offers a large and growing array of distance education programs. The libraries have stated their commitment to offer programs resources and services equivalent to those available to on-campus users. How well are we doing? What difficulties do we encounter in our efforts to provide this level of service? The discussion was on the following:
  - Provide a definition of distance learning
  - Describe programs offered by UF
  - Recount experiences of librarians working with UF's DL programs
  - Describe the services the libraries provide and how staff can help students and faculty use them
  - Outline future plans
  - Answer questions

For more information, etc., please see the following information:

1:30 – 3:00 p.m., November 30, 2006  
Library West Room 212  
Agenda

Organizers of this meeting are Linda Butson, Valrie Davis, Mary Edwards, Michelle Foss, Kathryn Kennedy, and Carol Turner. Your participation in the discussion is encouraged.

1. Welcome and Definition of Distance Learning and DL Students - Carol
2. Distance programs offered at UF webpage and DOCE Council – Linda
3. Who is involved in distance learning at the libraries?
  - a. Val - IFAS
  - b. Kathryn - EDGE and Engineering
  - c. Mary - Forensic Toxicology
  - d. Suzanne Brown - Education
  - e. Mary - Pharmacy programs
  - f. Anyone else in the audience (1-2 minutes each)
4. Library Services offered to distance learners
  - a. Web pages, reference services, 800 number - Mary and Val
  - b. Student orientation tutorial, brochures, communication with DL students - Kathryn
  - c. ILL and Reserves - Michelle and Beth Layton
  - d. Resources for librarians, including a Blog - Val
5. Future plans/ where is support needed?
  - a. Marketing distance learning services - Val
  - b. Identifying new programs - Carol
  - c. Collaboration with AT and IT departments - Kathryn
  - d. Identification of problems - Val
  - e. Organization and Communication - Carol

### **Key Web Sites**

<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/distance/> Library Distance Services Page

<http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/distance/index.htm> Health Sciences Center Library Distance Services Page

<http://www.distancelearning.ufl.edu/> UF Distance Learning Page

<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/subjects/distancelearning/dlgetstarted.html>

Library Distance Learning Tutorial

<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/distance/distancebrochure.pdf> UF Libraries' Distance Learning Brochure

**Toll-Free Number** 1-866 281-6309

## Services for HSC College Students & Faculty

### **ILL/Document Delivery:**

- HSC students or faculty must use the HSC Library service for ILL/DD
- We charge \$5
- Requests must be via:
  - Web Forms @ <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/services/ill/DDILL-UFopt.htm>
  - LoansomeDoc. See details at: <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/services/LonesomeDoc1.htm> You must sign up for this service. If searches are primarily done in PubMed this is the best option.

### **E-reserves:**

- Again for HSC students or faculty
- Go to <http://eres.hscl.ufl.edu/eres/> for info
- We use Docutec Eres and have our own installation.