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College and University Section (CUS)

Alabama Library Association

Conference Room J – Sheraton Hotel

Birmingham, Alabama

April 24, 2008

10:00 AM

Present: Pam Lyons, Charlotte Ford, Stacy Thornberry, Cheryl Cecil, Tyrone Webb, Barbara Goss, Lynda Dickinson, Linda Harris, Geraldine Bell, Sandra L. Henderson, Zenobia Blackmon

The meeting was called to order by Sandra L. Henderson. Minutes of the last meeting were distributed as well as Cooperative Agreements from each College, University and Library representative.

The first order of business was the evaluation of the Cooperative Agreements. The discussion began with Barbara Goss raising concerns over the need for Cooperative Agreements. She stated that with the majority of students using online resources as well as substantial collections that supported the individual college curriculum, students would benefit more from using their own libraries. Tyrone Webb disagreed with this argument. He gave examples of how students used neighboring libraries to obtain access to expensive medical books in which he would never be able to purchase on a limited budget. Sandra Henderson was also in support of continuing the Cooperative Agreements among colleges in the local area. She discussed how the agreements provided enhanced collections for students. Most importantly, in regards to Information Literacy, students would be able to locate, use and evaluate resources from four year colleges prior to transferring to the University or College.

Several concerns were expressed over the large amounts of overdue and lost materials from borrowing students not at the host institution. Lynda Dickinson suggested that students should attend an orientation class from the host institution in person or online. This would give guest students an insight into the policies and procedures of the college prior to borrowing materials such as fines, circulation requirements and the penalty for overdue books. It was decided among the group to continue the Cooperative Agreements but Directors would be notified immediately of delinquent accounts and students would also be placed on Hold prohibiting them from receiving transcripts and participating in pre-registrations.

Other areas discussed were:

- Joint Use Libraries
- "One Community" - "One Book"
- Interlibrary Loans

- The Association of College and Research Library National Convention in Seattle.
- Upcoming Black Caucus Convention of the American Library Association in Birmingham

The meeting adjoined at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Tyrone Webb