The Oberlin Group/Consortium of Liberal Arts Colleges (CLAC) Workshop

Workshop on Library/IT Collaboration in Support of Liberal Arts Education
Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts
Wabash College
February 17-20, 2005

The Oberlin Group/CLAC project, led by Sam Demas and Joel Cooper (Carleton), Diane Graves (Trinity University), and Gene Spencer (Bucknell), started in the spring of 2004. The goal of this initiative is to create a conversation focused on improving the liberal arts by exploring ways to further collaboration between libraries and information technology organizations on individual campuses or through the larger collaboration of the two overarching consortia.

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KEY QUESTIONS:

1. What are the roles of library and IT organizations in the liberal arts college and how can these two organizations best collaborate to contribute to a liberal arts college?

2. What common ground exists between our professional groups, the Oberlin Group and CLAC, and how can collaboration between these groups enhance library/IT collaboration locally and nationally?

WORKSHOP OUTCOMES:

1. A publication or set of workshop proceedings that identify (a) the roles of library and IT in a liberal arts education and (b) future directions for collaboration between these two organizations on liberal arts college campuses.

2. Recommendations on collaboration between Oberlin Group and CLAC, which will be taken back to the consortia for consideration.

Agenda

Thursday, February 17th
6.00 - 7.00                Reception, Trippet 2nd Floor Rotunda
7.00 - 8.00                Dinner, Trippet Hall Dining Room
8.00 - 9.00                Presentation by Charlie Blaich, Director of Inquiries, Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts, Trippet 325

Friday, February 18th
7.00 - 8.00  Breakfast, Trippet Hall Dining Room
8.00 - 10.15  Introductions: Each participant talks briefly about what brought them to this symposium and what they hope to get out of it. (we will provided specific guidelines for participants in advance of the meeting) Trippet 325
10.15 - 10.45  Coffee Break
10.45 - 12.00  Reverse feedback exercise: Librarians and technologists reflect on what they think the other group feels are their strengths and weaknesses, i.e. what each group perceives the other group's views to be. See David Smallen's document "Perceptions Exchange." Trippet 325
12.00 - 1.00  Lunch, Trippet Hall Dining Room
1.00 - 4.30  Library/IT collaborations: What is the ideal picture? Gene Spencer will facilitate this session. Using breakout groups and group discussion, we will paint a picture of what the ideal library/IT collaboration would look like on a hypothetical campus. Trippet Hall 325
3.00  Snack break available, 3rd floor rotunda
4.30 - 5.00  Based on the ideal model we developed, we will identify (from a menu of topics synthesized from participants' workshop proposals) the topics most important for us to discuss on Saturday. Trippet 325
5.00 - 6.30  Break
6.30 - 8.00  Dinner, Trippet Hall Dining Room
8.00 - 9.00  Films & Discussion, Trippet 123

Saturday, February 19th
7.30 - 8.30  Breakfast, Trippet Hall Dining Room
8.30 - 10.00  Breakout sessions on topics 1 and 2
10.00 - 10.30  Coffee Break
10.30 - 12.00  Breakout sessions on topics 3 and 4
12.00 - 1.00  Lunch, Trippet Hall Dining Room
1.00 - 2.30  Breakout sessions on topics 5 and 6
2.30 - 3.00  Snack break available, 3rd floor rotunda
3.00 - 5.00  Reporting back from breakouts and discuss future directions for fostering collaboration on our campuses, Trippet 325
5.00 - 6.30  Break
6.30 - 8.00  Dinner (preceded with brief remarks by Gene and Sam about Oberlin Group and CLAC, setting the stage for after dinner conversation) Trippet Hall Dining Room
8.00  Group conversation about Oberlin Group and CLAC, designed to share perceptions and understandings of the two groups, how they work, what their meetings are like (perceptions and realities), and how they are alike and different.

Sunday, February 20th
7.30 - 8.30  Breakfast, Trippet Hall Dining Room
8.30 - 12.00  Discussion and development of recommendations on Oberlin Group/CLAC collaboration. Trippet 325
12.00 - 1.00  Lunch, Trippet Hall Dining Room
1.00  Departures