I Approval of minutes of the October 3, 2007 Executive Session meeting [1 minute] - to be done in Executive Session

II Dean’s Report [15 minutes]
   A. Welcome Virgil Varvel, Visiting Research Analyst; Robert Roarty, MS student representative; Chris D’Arpa, CAS student representative; Christine Hopper, Secretary III
   B. Bylaws revision for 5-year review (handout)
   C. General announcements

III Associate and Assistant Deans Reports [15 minutes]
   A. Linda Smith [3 minutes]
   B. Ken Spelke [3 minutes]
   C. Rae-Anne Montague [3 minutes]
   D. Diana Stroud [3 minutes]
   E. Marlo Welshons [3 minutes]

IV Student Representatives Reports [9 minutes]
   A. Masters Students - Robert Roarty [3 minutes]
   B. CAS Students - Chris D’Arpa [3 minutes]
   C. PhD Students - Claudia Rebaza [3 minutes]

V Committee Reports [10 minutes]
   A. Admissions Committee - Caroline Haythornthwaite [5 minutes]
   B. Doctoral Studies Committee - Bryan Heidorn [5 minutes]

VI Old Business

VII New Business [30 minutes]
   A. Illinois Informatics Initiative (I3) presentation - Marc Snir [15 minutes]
   B. Downs Award selection - Terry Weech [10 minutes]
   C. Campus instituting unit reviews - John Unsworth [5 minutes]

VIII Adjournment

IX Executive Session [40 minutes]

NEXT MEETING: December 5, 2007, 2:00-4:00, 131 LIS.
III. Membership and Voting

B. Voting
At end of the section, add the sentence, “Votes may be submitted electronically.”

VI. Executive Committee

B. Functions

1. “The Vice-chairperson shall also serve as Chairperson of the Committee when it meets to give advice to the Chancellor and President on appointment or reappointment of the Dean.” To be replaced with, “The Executive Committee shall also serve as the Dean Evaluation Committee. When it functions as such, it will have a Chair from another College, with the rank of full professor, approved by the Provost.”
DOWNS AWARD NOMINATIONS

From: "Steve Fesenmaier" <mystery12@suddenlink.net>
Date: September 16, 2007 6:40:04 PM CDT
To: <unsworth@uiuc.edu>
Subject: from Steve Fesenmaier - full nomination for Robert Kent for Downs Award - please forward to committee

Submitted by Steve Fesenmaier, Research Librarian, West Virginia Library Commission

Biography Of Robert Kent

He received his MLS and MA in History from the University of Maryland in 1987. He began his library career at the New York Public Library in 1989. After working in branches, he was transferred to the 42nd St. Library in 1997.

He co-founded Friends of Cuban Libraries in 1998 with Jorge Sanguinetti. He has been active in Amnesty International since 1983.

He has traveled to Cuba approximately 10 times. He was arrested and expelled in 1999 for "counterrevolutionary activities", i.e., meeting with dissidents, bringing them letters, books and small amounts of money.

He has been a dissident voice within the international library community, oftentimes being charged with being a CIA agent, or member of the "Cuban Mafia," by both American and Cuban librarians, and has been vilified in Cuba’s one-Party-press for years. In the face of oftentimes extreme hostility, Mr. Kent has been a clear and persistent advocate for the principles of intellectual freedom, as enshrined in the Library Bill of Rights. In the face of relentless attacks from those in the library community who support the "Revolution" in Cuba, Mr. Kent has never wavered in his advocacy for imprisoned independent librarians in Cuba.

The Associate Press, New York Times, Wall St. Journal and many other papers and publications have highlighted Mr. Kent's work.
ROBERT B. DOWNS INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AWARD

Nomination of Barbara M. Jones

As a longtime card-carrying member of IFRT, FTRF and the ACLU, I am very proud to nominate Barbara M. Jones for the 2007 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award for her long-time commitment to intellectual freedom in the United States and internationally.

Barbara has been the Wesleyan University Librarian since 2003. Among her prior positions are Coordinator, Special Collections, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Head of Reference, Minnesota Historical Society, and Head of Cataloging, New York University. She has a Ph.D. in U.S. History, University of Minnesota.


Her organizational activities have included serving as ALA presidential appointment to the IFC, chair of IFRT, and being named to the FTRF Roll of Honor because of her strong support of the First Amendment and freedom to read.

Beyond the U. S., she has extended her advocacy for intellectual freedom through presentations and active involvement. She presented a seminar on special collections and IF for the South African Library Leadership Project, Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, UIUC, and has presented papers on IF in Croatia, Japan and Norway. Her current activities in IFLA include serving on the Executive Committee of the Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression, an initiative to defend and promote basic human rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She has helped establish a “train the trainers” program for librarians in developing countries about Internet access, advocacy, access to public health information, and privacy. Workshops have been held in Costa Rica and Dubai and soon in Ecuador.

While I have focused on the commitment of Barbara to national and international activities that further IF, in her immediate work at Wesleyan, she coordinates faculty program on scholarly communication and the PATRIOT Act, works with the University Legal Counsel on intellectual property and privacy issues, and serves on the Justice Hugo Black Annual Lecture Series on the Constitution Committee.

To conclude, Barbara M. Jones has been a fully committed, active advocate for the values that have shaped the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award.

Arthur S. Meyers, Director
Russell Library, Middletown CT
9/22/07

From: TGarren@aol.com
Dear Mr. Unsworth and Mr. Weech:

I am writing to nominate my partner Bart Birdalls for the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award. I feel he is dedicated to the cause of Intellectual Freedom as the websites below indicate. Not only did he take a public stand against the dismantling of a gay pride book display by county commissioners, but he also continues to attend events reminding people about this event.

He is a school librarian and received a lot of heat from the Superintendent of Hillsborough County Schools for his actions which had very little to do with the school district. It was a public library issue. Despite the Superintendent and the Office of Professional Standards attempt to scare him about being political he continued to protest the dismantling of the display and continues to appear at events and even in a local film about the display issue. Something nobody knows about Bart is that he has suffered a lot of anguish and gone to counseling concerning the Superintendent's attempts to scare him. Despite his inner feelings he has continued to be vocal on the issue.

Below are links in which Bart is mentioned.

This link is from American Libraries and mentions Bart and what action he took (read books taken off display with a megaphone in front of the county building where commissioners voted to ban such displays):

Here is an article in which Library Journal names him as one of 2006's Movers and Shakers:
http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6312514.html

Here he is mentioned in an article about USF's Library Science department sponsoring author Chris Crutcher who spoke against censorship, and Bart introduced him to the audience:
http://www.cas.usf.edu/lis/announcements/

Here is a blog that mentions Bart and also that he ran (unsuccessfully) for school board in an attempt to spread awareness of the need to protect gay and lesbian students from harassment.
http://librarian.lishost.org/?p=455

The following article was about the trouble that Bart got into due to his protests in the community. In the article the newspaper writer gets two things wrong. He did not send
mass mailings to media specialists. He posted 3 emails to the Media Specialist electronic bulletin board telling them about the issue in which a public library display was being dismantled. Also, he did not send 30 emails to Joe Stines. He sent a few directly to Stines and carbon copied Stines on many other email sent to other people.


Here is another blog that featured the initial protest:

Here is an article that shows Bart is dedicated to providing materials to his students in the media center. He has transferred to a new school, but this article was published last spring concerning his previous school and how he used a grant to spread awareness about library book issues that are ongoing in all school libraries.


Basically, my partner is a caring and loving school librarian who spends some weekends looking for books that his students might enjoy. He is dedicated to having books for all students on all topics and strongly believes that Intellectual Freedom is the foundation of Librarianship.

Please consider him for this honor. I am sure it would lift his spirits. Please let me know if I need to send further documentation.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

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