April 27th, 2011 Library Classroom

Present at meeting: Peter Drake, Mark Dahl, Dan Terrio, Kelly Wainwright, Freddy Vilches, Maureen Healy, Jennifer Hubbert, and Monique Halgat.

1. Announcements

- Mark reported that the journals cancellation project resulted in \$33K in savings, reminded the group of the message he sent out to faculty about student thesis submissions and the new A- recommendation, noted that there are several construction projects going on in the library this summer, and thanked Mo for being on the review committee of the Watzek First Year Student Research award.
- Dan reported that the College will be switching to Google for email as well as the Google Apps suite, which includes calendaring. There will be a "soft launch" phase that will likely begin in the summer.

2. Computer lab report (Kelly)

The group discussed the CAS computer lab usage report prepared by Kelly and some of its recommendations. Jennifer was concerned about the recommendation to close the SoAnn lab, as it has been recently fitted with software for some new courses. Mark said that he would check with the reference librarians regarding usage of the Moby lab computers, as one of the recommendations is to reduce the number of these to 10 due to low usage. Peter expressed interest in the concept of centralized support for labs as long as linux support was included. Mark introduced the idea of a student laptop program and provision of software through virtual environments instead of physical labs. Others expressed concern about the feasibility of this model.

The committee concluded that the report offered some important information and recommendations and that the incoming Dean should review the report.

Submitted by Mark Dahl.