**LIRT Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 12, 2018**

Present:  Elise Silva, Chair (BYU); Anne Diekema, Past Chair (SUU); Chloe Barnett, Secretary (Westminster); Dory Rosenberg, Member at Large (USU); Nena Schvaneveldt (EHSL, U of U)

**Announcements**

Elise submitted the LIRT proposal for a 50 minute presentation at the ULA conference - Thanks Elise!  The proposal can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PJYuqSmUcbGZwK3bprYRn9keqYhq-50HFtv2fqmGsQs/edit?usp=sharing>

**Outlining ideas for the ULA Presentation**

A document we are using to outline ideas for the ULA presentation can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AbS9Uli9N90P74paXM4qRfcu66tJGSxQppY_I9xHMyw/edit?usp=sharing>.  The group discussed ideas for structuring the presentation at ULA, if it is accepted.  Dory described a structure she saw at a conference where the audience selects topics from a list and the panelists are each assigned to address certain topics.  Elise suggested that we could do something like this, with a brief introduction, or that we could focus on themes generated before the presentation and have each participant address how their institution deals with those themes.  Dory and Nena discussed the possibility of brief lightning talks followed by discussion, and Anne expressed her interest in doing lightning talks. There was a general consensus that we would like to do something collaborative rather than just having individual presenters stand up and say what they do and that we want to involve the audience in some way.  This could involve having the audience select or generate themes or questions. Dory suggested a process for audience participation that would involve the audience selecting topics using big sticky notes - these could be presentation topics or ideas for discussion at a future fall meeting.

Elise will add these ideas to the brainstorming document.

So far, we have confirmed presenters from SUU, BYU, Weber, Westminster, UVU, USU, EHSL (U of U).  We may want to solicit participation from the Marriott Library, Dixie, Snow College.

**Discussion of  Cross-Institutional Research Ideas (Anne)**

After a meeting organized by Lis Pankl from the University of Utah last summer, Anne thought it would be productive for LIRT to identify some common problems that we face with instruction at our institutions so that we can form cross-institutional collaborations to address these problems through research.  She proposed that this could be something we could do in conjunction with the session at ULA. For instance, we could hand out index cards at the beginning of our session and ask our audience-members to write down three problems that they face regarding instruction at their institutions. We could collect the cards during the presentation and address the top 5 problems.  Nena suggested that in addition to identifying problems on their cards, audience-members could document strategies they have used to solve problems and how they might solve the problem with unlimited resources. Anne suggested they also document what they need to know to solve the problem, which could point us in directions for future research. Elise suggested that it might be useful for LIRT to start brainstorming problems before the ULA presentation itself, and Anne suggested that this could take place in the form of a Google Survey or during the business meeting at ULA.

**$200 Funding for This Year (Elise)**

LIRT has $200 to fund anyone who wants to visit another institution (would pay for travel, gas, food, etc.) to learn about instruction.  These funds need to be used before the ULA conference. If anyone is interested in using the funds, there may be interested from others in joining up for a visit without funding (since some people have travel money from their institutions).

**Action Items**
Elise - Update the brainstorming document with ideas for ULA, let LIRT members know if ULA proposal is accepted in December.

Chloe - Meeting Minutes

Everyone - Let Elise know if you are interested in using the $200 travel fund