Sabbatical Leave Committee minutes
August 12, 2009
10:30-11:30am
Watson 503B
Present: Karen Cook, Lyn Wolz, Brian Rosenblum

We reviewed and discussed potential tasks for the Committee, some of which were identified in the 2008-09 annual report. These included:

- Review and finalize sabbatical application review sheet.
- Develop website with information about sabbatical leave and documenting past projects.
- Clarify whether unclassified professionals are eligible for sabbatical leave, in addition to tenured faculty. Are unclassified professionals in the same category as administrators in regard to sabbaticals?
- Programming: develop discussion groups, presentations, or other events to support those interested in applying for sabbatical leave. September and October will be a busy time for committee members in regard to their other job responsibilities. During October we will focus on reviewing any sabbatical applications received (the deadline for receiving applications is the end of September). We will begin working on other Sabbatical Committee charges in November. Therefore, it will probably be best for any programming, such as discussion groups or presentations about sabbaticals, to be scheduled in the Spring 2010 semester. Spring will also be a suitable time for programming to encourage those who are interested to begin thinking about submitting sabbatical applications in 2010.
- Explore ways to distribute information about research and sabbatical leaves on a regular basis to library faculty and staff (whether through a newsletter, blog or website, or other method)
- Develop a "community of interest" group surrounding sabbatical opportunities and scholarship. Perhaps coordinate with CRSA activities.
- Explore ways to develop a "culture of scholarship" within KU Libraries. Discuss with the Dean her philosophy and support for developing this culture.
- In addition to the above, we are also expecting to receive additional charges from LFPA.
- We need to schedule regular meeting times for the committee: Karen and Brian will send Lyn their schedules.
- Lyn will remain as chair for the upcoming year; Brian will be secretary and will record minutes and coordinate with Wade Garrison (LFPA secretary) to get the minutes and other documents posted on the LFPA website.