Learning Commons Partners Meeting  
November 2012

Attended: Barb Quick (Director, Tutoring Center), Roberta Kjesrud (Director, Writing Center), Paul Piper (Library faculty & Coordinator, Research & Information Help), Andy Peterson (Lib Assoc Dean Collections & Technology & Coordinator, Viking Village), John Farquhar (Mgr. Multimedia & Web Develop), Shevell Thibou (L.Comm Program Coordinator), Carmen Werder (Director, TLA/WIS & Learning Commons)  Guest: Rick Osen (Interim Dean of Libraries)

Library/LComm Calendars
As many of you know, thanks to Jon Dillon, we now have a Library/LComm calendar of events available online, which Shevell will coordinate in collaboration with Connie. We are also working to create a hardcopy calendar available to students each quarter. This calendar will highlight services/resources/events offered by LComm partners for the quarter. As an incentive to become familiar with LComm program offerings and take advantage of them, students will be able to enter into a raffle if they use/participate in 5 of the 8 suggested highlights.

Fall Family Open House/International Info Fair
Program partners participated in the Fall Family Open House and the International Information Fair. The LComm liaisons did a great job of providing visitors with information on our programs and there was an exhibit on the LComm that will include information from various program partners. While only about 20 people stopped by during the Open House, we learned that numbers were down at all other events this year. Also, the Library hosted last year’s reception which brought us a large number of visitors. At the International Fair, we learned that our international students were not as familiar with the LComm as we would hope, so our participation in that event was particularly important and we intend to pursue additional ways for us to support our international students.

LComm Faculty Survey
At the beginning of the fall quarter, we sent out a survey to faculty (first through Three Things and then separately) and received 135 responses. There was quite a bit of feedback on the physical space as well as Viking Village. Here is a general summary of one of the questions.

Which of the following events/programs/services would you be apt to use if offered in the Learning Commons?
- Participating in professional development events e.g. “Strategies for Teaching Researching & Writing Skills”: 61.1%  
- Referring students to academic literacy workshops such as “Evaluating Sources”: 52.2%  
- Working on personal research and writing projects with Reference/Writing faculty & staff available for consultation: 46.7%

Sub-Groups
Hospitality & Outreach: Proposed hosting a Learning Commons Day for the Library & LComm staff on Dec. 17 or 18 that will include informational bursts (like speed dating) on programs including dialogue and followed by a holiday party.

Academic Literacy Series:
- Carmen is working with Lee Olsen (English grad student working with Writing Instruction Support) and Lee Einhorn (English faculty) to sponsor a workshop on “Recognizing and Addressing Patterns of Error” through the LComm beginning winter quarter.  
- Roberta and Paul talked about possibilities for creating a workshop on “Writing & Researching” along with other LComm initiatives to integrate the two areas of need and expertise.