

**Summary of Roundtable Discussion
August 28, 2007**

Proposed Ph.D. in Library and Information Science

Attendees:

Anna Perrault	LIS	Rosann Collins	IS/DS, Business
John Gathegi	LIS	Abdul Rao	USF Health
James Andrews	LIS	Donna Petersen	Dean, Public Health
Bob Potter	Associate Dean, Arts & Sciences	Peter French	Dean, USF Sarasota-Manatee
Rafael Perez	Associate Dean, Engineering	Robert Dardenne	Academic Affairs, St. Petersburg
Srinivas Katkoori	CSE, Engineering	Delcie Durham	Dean, Graduate School
Jose Zayas-Castro	IMSE, Engineering	Brent Weisman	Associate Dean, Graduate School
Harold Keller	Associate Dean, Education	Carol Hines-Cobb	Graduate School
Michael Stewart	Education	Nancy Graue	Graduate School
Pam Magasich	Education		

Representatives from Library and Information Science gave a brief overview of the proposed Ph.D. in LIS. They noted there are 33 programs in LIS nationally, but they are oriented more towards Information Systems (IS) than Library Science. The proposed USF program would focus more on Library Science, with a theory base including Information Science and evidence based practice and measurement. FSU was noted as the only other Ph.D. in Florida, and that it too was more IS based.

The observations were noted for revision of the proposals.

Accreditation: Concern from Education regarding potential NCATE accreditation impact from LIST preparing students for K-12 instruction (which only COED is accredited to do). LIS assured the Education representatives that the focus would not be on K-12, so accreditation should not be impacted.

Potential Overlap: questions from CSE and COBA regarding potential issues of overlap in curriculum. Specific concerns for confusion on Medical Informatics and Information Systems.

Interdisciplinary Opportunity: since many other areas include Information Systems components, there was some discussion about opportunities for interdisciplinary initiatives. The general consensus of the LIS representatives was that the proposed Ph.D. would focus more on Library Science, although some interdisciplinary exchanges could be considered.

Name: Concerns were expressed for including “Information Science” as part of the degree name. It was suggested that the “and” be removed from the “Library **and** Information Science” title so that it more accurately reflected the focus on Library Information Science. Concerns from LIS representatives related to the overall practice in the field of study and that, although there has been some disciplinary debate regarding Library Science vs. Information Science, it was vital that the “and” be included. LIS suggested changing it to “Library and Information Studies” but the general consensus was that this would not help alleviate confusion to students seeking a degree in this subject area.

OUTCOME

- 1) Pre-proposal approved for development into full Proposal
- 2) Request to revisit proposal and revise to:
 - a) Minimize confusion
 - b) Ensure nomenclature doesn't overlap with Information Systems across campus
 - c) Establish connectivity with Education, USF Health, Business, and Engineering
 - d) Include statement of clarification for NCATE
- 3) Once full proposal is revised it needs to go through the College for standard review and approval prior to submission to the Graduate School for review by the Graduate Council. Included in the submission should be an overview highlighting the changes resulting from the Roundtable and also a list of potential external reviewers.