Southeast Archives Education Collaborative S·A·E·C

8th Report from LSU to IMLS on the SAEC Project

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Activities Initiated:

Management

Second no-cost extension approved.

Course Delivery

At the annual meeting in Murfreesboro, TN, in September, a 2007 - 2010 class schedule was approved. It promises three courses in the Spring and two in the Fall each year. We also added a new Summer course – Records Management from IU beginning Summer 2007.

Evaluation

We have begun building a database of SAEC students in order to investigate their career paths and how the program has affected their ability to get jobs and to perform them. We've begun to develop a survey questionnaire to send both students and employers.

Dissemination

Nothing begun.

Activities Continuing:

Management

We continue our monthly e-meetings.

In August we replaced Cristina Caminita with Gerald Chaudron as our graduate assistant.

We amended the Guiding Principles proposed to tighten rules on eligibility for classes and delivery of classes by partners.

Course Delivery

We continue to use interactive compressed video over Internet 2 as our mode of delivery.

Our student population has now reached approximately 200 total.

The faculty of Archives 101 met for two days after SAA in Washington to continuing “harmonizing” our classes. Instructional designer Andrea Milam continued her work with the partner faculty at Murfreesboro to harmonize Archives 101 classes. The results of those efforts will appear in our classes, but they also inform the content of the post-employment survey.

Evaluation

Milam led a valuable session at Murfreesboro in defining desired outcomes for SAEC.

Dissemination

We continue to post these reports, and other information on our Web page. We’re preparing a permanent web site and printed brochures and posters. We’re also investigating adding SAEC separately to SAA’s listing of graduate education programs.

Stationery design and the re-designing of the web page and brochures are well-advanced.

Activities Completed:

Management

The sub-contracts to Auburn came to an end in September. Kentucky asked for a continuation. Auburn is now developing its final invoice and final report.

Course Delivery

We finished our sixth semester without incident. The technology continues to work well, and the two classes went smoothly.

Evaluation

We had students in the spring class complete the standard end-of-class survey. No surprises.

Dissemination

We held a mixer at SAA in Washington, DC. It was poorly attended.

Problems:

None to report.

Other Comments:

On the student Archives Listserv there have been positive comparisons of the SAEC program to other programs, noting especially the diversity of the classes and faculty.

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