

**NCCCLA District 5 meeting**  
**June 20, 2023 @11:00 am**  
**Zoom**

**Attendees:** Joel Ferdon, Angela Whitehurst, Charles Wiggins, Garrison Libby, Lisa Trexler, Sarah Sowa, Libby Stone, Touger Vang, Denise Keating, Shelby Beard, Cha Reyes Tercero

**NCCCLA Executive Board report:** The Executive Board is reviewing by-laws this summer for possible revisions.

**AI Discussion** – Dana asked how the other libraries are dealing with AI on their campuses.

- Stanly CC is collaborating with the Center for Teaching and Learning on their campus to promote better ways to build assignments and assessments. Librarians are also offering to investigate citations for faculty members if they suspect students of using ChatGPT.
- CPCC is providing faculty members advice about genuine citations vs. invented citations and what faculty should be aware of when grading student assignments.
- Cleveland CC is providing a lot of instruction sessions about plagiarism and citation style.
- There was a short discussion about Turnitin Software and how it is not always reliable for catching papers generated by AI. It does not give any rationale for what it believes is generated by AI; only highlights the text it thinks may be AI generated. Basically, using one form of AI to check another form of AI doesn't work well.

Possible suggestions librarians could provide to faculty for dealing with AI include:

- Have students provide an annotated bibliography before writing the final paper so instructor can check citations for accuracy.
- Encourage students to write something personal even when writing a scholarly paper because AI can't do that.
- Suggest faculty members get a quick writing sample early in the semester from each student to use for comparison, if needed.
- Provide clear instructions about what is expected especially for online classes.
- Provide and require a lot of videos in online classes to humanize it which helps reduce plagiarism.

Garrison asked a question about how to deal with a student you believe has used ChatGPT and then the student comes to a librarian for help finding citations to back up their papers. Several librarians said they would have a discussion with the student probing them about where they received the citations and how they should correctly conduct their research. Other librarians said they would contact the faculty member with their suspicions to make them aware of the situation and have a serious talk with the student as well.

**Cengage Equitable Access discussion:** There was a question about using Cengage to offer students equitable access to textbooks for a flat-rate and which schools were using it and issues that arise from it. Several librarians mentioned there were some faculty members are very resistant to the change even if they are being pushed by administrators and department heads. The product and other OERs are being used on some campuses but not others.

**Evergreen:** Joel reported that the grant providing funds to migrate to Evergreen has been approved; 26 libraries will move to the new ILS later this year. The committee is anticipating hiccups in the migration process like all migrations but will continue to move forward.

**Director of Library Services position:** Colleen Turnage will be retiring from the community college system at the end of June. The position is already being advertised and the job description is still primarily geared toward a cataloger. During the Director's Institute in July, all the library directors will be drafting a letter to the new system president, Dr. Jeff Cox, describing what they are looking for in a new director.

**Election of New Vice Director:** With Garrison Libby's departure, Angela Whitehurst has assumed the position of Director for District 5. However, she will be moving soon and may not be employed by the community college system any longer as well. It is imperative for us to elect a new Vice Director, and possibly a new Director soon. Garrison pointed out it look bad for the district not to have the appropriate leadership. Angela asked for nominations; there were none at the meeting. She will send out a Google form for nominations to all members and we will try to have an online ballot.

\*\* Since the meeting, Angela has officially accepted a position at East Carolina University so she will need to resign the Director's position by July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need to elect both a Director and Vice Director at this time.

**Announcements:** There will be several positions coming available at CPCC soon including: Assistant Director, Instructional and Research Services, E-learning Librarian and a Campus Manager position. Also, there is a full-time librarian position at Mitchell Community College if anyone is interested in applying for these positions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am