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RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TRAINING IINTEREST GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held:

Date: 12 October 2016

Venue: Durban International Convention Centre

Time: 14h00 – 15h00

1. Opening and chairperson 's remarks

The chairperson, Mr L.A. Makgahlela welcomed everybody at the meeting. He remarked that it appears this interest group is collapsing. Therefore, this is the time for people to come up with new bright ideas to resuscitate the group.

2. Roll call and apologies

The attendance register was circulated for members to append their signatures. There were some apologies from the following members:

- Dr Connie Bitso. It was reported that she is currently the chairperson- elect
- Ms Tshego Rasekgothoma. It was reported that she is also willing to serve as the chairperson- elect for the next two years.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

3.1. Reading

Minutes of the previous meeting were already circulated to the members, therefore they were not read.

3.2. Corrections and omissions

There were no corrections from the minutes

3.3. Matters arising

There were no actionable items that required attention from the previous minutes. However, the fact that there were only four members who attended the meeting in 2015 raises serious concerns. People who led this group in the previous years are no longer participating.

4. Reports

4.1. Chairperson 's report

The chairperson outlined the report of the interest group from 2015 to 2016. It was reported that there were few Webinar meetings that were held. In those meetings the group envisaged conducting the research workshop for Masters Students and librarians. However the workshop could not materialise due to logistical problems and that the person who was earmarked to facilitate the workshop had to go out of the country on the scheduled date. The group could not secure another facilitator as it was already late.

Members who were present raised a concern regarding the inactivity status of the interest group. It was suggested that perhaps the group should start looking into the possibilities of merging with Higher Education Libraries Interest Group (HELIG).

4.2. Financial report

The copies of the financial statements were distributed to all present. It was reported that when the current leadership came into office in 2014, there was an amount that was given to the group by LIASA. An account was opened at FNB in 2015, but the amount is decreasing due to interest charges since there are not transactions taking place. The problem is that the signatories are residing far from each other, one in Limpopo and the other one in Pretoria. Perhaps the best option will be to close the account and take the remaining balance back to LIASA.

5. Election of the new committee

When time for elections arrived, most of the attendees walked out of the meeting. It was difficult to hold proper elections. However the following people agreed to serve in the new committee for the period 2016 to 2018.

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| Chair: | Dr Connie Bitso (UCT) |
| Chair elect: | Ms Tshegofatso Rasekgotoma (Wits) |
| Treasurer: | Mr Lefose Makgahlela (UL) |
| PRO: | Ms Leanne Brown (Unisa) |
| Secretary: | Dr Solomon Bopape (UL) |

6. Closure

The meeting closed at 13h55