**ACRL Focus Group: Community College Librarians**

**2019 Version**

**Background**

Thank you for your time and your willingness to share your thoughts and experiences. [Introduce Self] Today we’re here to find out what ACRL can do to support your professional engagement and development. What we learn will inform the work of a new engagement task force formed by the Community & Junior College Library Section. Your responses will be used to generate a report to ACRL; individual comments will not be identified. I will be recording the session to assist me in creating an accurate report, but I will not share that recording with anyone. I will sometimes ask you to write down responses on paper or cards; I will collect those at the end and destroy them after I have completed my report.

**Introductions (with Question 1):** To get us started, I’d like to ask each of you to briefly introduce yourself. Would you please tell us

* Your name
* Your institution

**Question 1**: I’m going to ask you to think about your experience so far with ACRL as an organization, specifically in your role as a community college librarian. What’s it like to engage with ACRL as a community college librarian?

**Question 2**:

* Have any recent ACRL offerings or experiences stood out as being particularly relevant or useful to you as a community college librarian?
* Based on trends and developments important in community college librarianship, has ACRL missed any recent opportunities to offer you relevant/useful information, programs, or resources?

**Question 3**: Based on your experience so far with ACRL, how true is the following statement for you (post on flip chart, with three segments marked on a continuum: Mostly True, Somewhat True, Not at All True)?

*With up-to-date trend news, customized education and a community of like minded peers,*

*ACRL gives you the tools you need so you can help students achieve their goals.*

How many of you are in segment 1, closer to “Mostly True”?

How many are in the segment 2, one one side or the other of “Somewhat True”?

How many are in segment 3, closer to “Not at All True?”

* For those in Segment 1 or Segment 2, can you tell us what ACRL has done that makes this statement more true for you?
* For those in Segment 2 or Segment 3, can you tell us what ACRL has done/not done that makes this statement less true for you?

**Question 4**: Let’s imagine that it’s 2021, and we’re back together in Seattle, at the next ACRL conference. I’ve just asked you the same question about this statement. You’ve all answered by placing yourselves in Segment 1—this statement is Mostly True for all of you. What’s happened over the last two years to get us from where you were in 2019 to where you are now, in 2021?

* Are any of these ideas that you think the new engagement task force could take on?

**Question 6**: If you could speak directly to the leadership of ACRL, what would you like them to know about your needs and desires as an ACRL member? I’m going to hand out these index cards, and on one side, ask you to write down your top 1 or 2 needs. On the other side, write down your top 1 or 2 desires.

* What were the main differences between your needs and desires?
* What were the similarities?
* How well are your needs currently being met?
* How well are your desires currently being met?