

VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee - Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2008 10 a.m.-Noon @ UMDNJ Stratford & Newark

Present: Linda Beninghove, Jacqui DaCosta - Chair, Theo Haynes (Recorder), Dave Hoover, Heather Huey, Cheryl Kirby, Susan Kurzmann, Miriam Mlynarski, Lynee Richel, Connie Rosenberger, Nancy Weiner.

1. **Welcome** – Cheryl Kirby (Atlantic CCC) was welcomed to her first meeting.

2. **Minutes of last meeting (8/8/08)** - Approved as distributed.

3. **Objectives for 2008-2009:**

a) Program Proposals for VALE conference Jan 9, 2009

Learning from internal experiences - Miriam Mlynarski and Donna Wertheimer will present on the Camden County College Biology IL assignment that has been developed through close relationship with that department. All sections are required to include it. Students must find primary and secondary literature on a topic; the summary of the articles that each student does serves as an assessment tool. This assignment is written into the lab manual with learning objectives. Miriam and Donna may be able to bring a faculty member as well.

Heather Huey & Davida Scharf will share the existing NJIT humanities department portfolio assignment which has 4 criteria: citation, independent research, integration and appropriateness of the sources. They have a rubric that allows this to be used for assessment, and even more successfully as a marketing tool for the IL program at NJIT.

Bobbie Tipton works with her campus writing program at Rutgers – Newark. An annotated bibliography assignment was created cooperatively by the librarian and the writing program director and is scored using rubrics which Bobbie created. She scores the bibliography of each student, forwards those scores to the teaching faculty member, who incorporates that score into the final grading for the assignment.

Yvonne Roux will talk about her work with Education students at William Patterson University, and their assignments involving school librarians.

Each of these 4 topic presentations will be around 7 minutes, to allow time for Q&A. A contact list will be distributed so audience members can follow up individually later for more details.

External Experiences – packages for real \$\$ - Leslin Charles at Berkeley College will talk about SAILS based on her recent experience.

David Scharf will discuss NJIT's experience with I-Skills for IL assessment or at least needs assessment.

Mercer County Community College has used TRAILS; person speaking is still to be designated by director.

Covered by each will be preparation, institutional involvement, challenges, strengths & weaknesses.

VALE SIL members should submit **assessment documents to VOILA by the end of December, 2008** so they can be viewed by program participants. Also encourage presenters to post their presentations to the web. To submit to VOILA site, on new wiki, use form put up. Nancy will contact Richard Kearney and will post to the VALE list to clarify how this is done.

b) Proposal for K-20 IL program statewide program in the Spring/Summer 2009

Amy Clark took expression of interest to CJRLC where there was enthusiasm. Jacqui has spoken to Amy Kearns at CJRLC – they are using IL as 2009 theme. Amy will forward to Connie Paul, who also supports this.

Lynee gave more details on the previous program held in the Highlands region: held late in June for school librarians to be able to come; presentations of teaching plans from - K-3, 3-6, middle, Hunterdon and Bergen CC, and Centenary for 4 year. All spoke same language with K-12 standards aligned with ACRL. Each group then had to prepare plan for all other age groups. Half-day, which was too short a time for group work. Easily could have been whole day. Entire room articulated each age group plan since time crunch was severe.

Venue for our event could be Monmouth Library HQ, with lunch provided by CJRLC. Jacqui to take Lynee's details to Amy. Nancy will take to NJASL as NJLA liaison with them. Date needs to be late June for school librarians but this works well around ALA which is July 9-15, 2009.

c) Voila Wiki – any feedback - There were no comments on the new wiki, other than the submission issue reported above.

d) Project to collect data on IL programs - Draft distributed of questionnaire by Nancy, on behalf of sub-committee (LB, AC, SKu, NW). Will share info with Bruce Slutsky who just sent out independent survey. Data to be made available via VOILA? Better to send to director to forward to appropriate person. May distribute on WPU zoomerang account or via

VALE – Nancy to check with Richard K. Comments from the committee on the questionnaire include:

- Specifically exclude teaching hours in #4.
- 5-15 grouped together as description on program at institution.
- Add another on specific structure of program at institution.
- 22 & 23 reworded. If indicate how to be shared and made available – via VOILA.
- Questions to be grouped as 1-4 IL Coordinator; 5-10 Institution; 11-15 All inclusive
- 21 remove as off track. If answering, person is clearly interested.
- Want to have institution identified.
- Revise #10 to phrase more generically – largest program or for first year students.

4. NJ Licensure Revised Rules

Members shared reactions to these at their own institutions.

The VALE Executive Committee has requested that SIL considers establishing benchmarks for IL progression between 2 and 4 year colleges, keeping in mind the General Education Foundation Goal Categories.

Theo reported on the work that the ACRL-NJLA User Education Committee had done to try and get information literacy as a specific goal separate from technology. The out-going Chair (Dr Gary Porter) had indicated that the issue will not be on the agenda for that group in the near future (year). Jacqui will ask Anne if the Exec Committee can do anything to help.

The benchmarks would be what we would expect 1st year students to know, 2nd year students, etc. Jacqui will send links to an assessment criteria matrix, referenced to AASL IL competencies, developed by Cumberland County. It was also suggested that we look at: ACRL website, SUNY, CalState, and Heather will report from NJIT. Need how to test it and assess it.

5. Any Other Business

A question was raised about whether we could have remote, virtual meetings. Dave reported that the VALE Web Committee is looking at software but needs to establish members' requirements, e.g. whether to meet from institution or home.