

VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee Meeting

December 12, 2008

Present: Jacqui Dacosta, Ann Ciliberti, Nancy Madacsi, Jesse Traquair, Ruth Hamann, Nancy Weiner, Heather Huey, Ellen Parker, Lynee Richel (taking notes)

VOILA – Nancy Weiner. Nancy asked Richard Kearney about the procedure for submitting items to VOILA. The procedure remains the same, despite the new platform. Just go to www.valenj.org and read the instructions. Anne noted that more content is needed on the VOILA wiki. Any kind of instructional material can be submitted but assessment content would be particularly valuable. Nancy will send another request for submissions before the VALE conference. VOILA handouts will be available during the committee presentations.

General Education Requirements –Anne Ciliberti. The VALE Executive Committee suggested that the SIL Committee collaborate on projects of interest to everyone, since the new General Education articulation agreements give a role to information literacy skills. The committee will try to create standards for the end of the sophomore year of college. The language of General Education Standard #4, Technology or Information Literacy, has not been clarified. The changes suggested by the ACRL-NJ User Education, i.e. to separate the two competencies, were not accepted. Dr. Porter of Bergen CCC is no longer the chair of the Gen Ed committee. He passed the recommendation on Standard #4 to the new chair, Ladylease Goodridge White of Essex CC.

VALE workshops – Jacqui Dacosta. 1 Powerpoint presentation has already been submitted. Each person will have 7 minutes to speak during the first panel. There are fewer time constraints for the second panel. The first panel of speakers hopes to include a faculty member but has not confirmed so yet. Handouts and with presenters' contact information will be available during the conference.

K-16 Information Literacy Program - Jacqui Dacosta. Amy Kearns from CJRLC was unable to attend the meeting today and sent her regrets. CJRLC is committed to hosting the event in late June of 2009. NJASL also expressed interest in the program. Lynee volunteered to contact speakers from HRLC 2007 workshop.

Information Literacy Program Survey – Nancy Weiner. Nancy made some editorial changes to the survey. She removed the numbers and organized the survey into parts. There was a discussion about the word "program", since many schools do not have information literacy programs per se but still teach many sessions. Jacqui and Ruth suggested removing the word "program". Anne and Ruth suggested adding new language ... "If you do not have an Information Literacy Coordinator, choose the person most knowledgeable about instruction to answer this survey." It was suggested that an "additional comments" box be added. Jesse said that Leslin Charles would like to see additional questions:

1. Did your institution have a required for-credit information literacy course in the past?
2. If the course was discontinued, what was the reason?

Anne suggested letting the committee member take the survey first to test it.

Merging with ACRL-NJ User Ed – Anne Ciliberti. Anne noted that this was an exciting, dynamic meeting and suggested that the committee explore merging with the User Ed committee.

Recommended articles – Heather recommended two articles, by Badke and Bell, about information literacy credit courses and integrating information literacy throughout the curriculum. She will send the links to the group.

Next meeting dates- Jacqui Dacosta. Jacqui handed out a list of meeting dates for 2009. Teleconference meetings will be held at either Rutgers or UMDNJ in both Newark and Camden. All dates were accepted with the exception of April 17th. That date was changed to April 24th. 2009 meeting dates are:

February 12 @ Rutgers
April 24 @ UMDNJ
June 11 @ Rutgers
August 7 @ Rutgers
October 8 @ UMDNJ
December 11 @ Rutgers

*Respectfully submitted by,
Lynee Richel 12/18/2008*

