

VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee
February 18, 2010 via videoconference
Minutes

Present: **Newark** – Electronic Classroom (Lower Level): DANA #021A
Linda Beninghove, Leslin Charles, Anne Ciliberti, Megan Dempsey, Bonnie Fong, Heather Huey, Denise Marshall, Roberta Tipton
 New Brunswick – Pane Room, Alexander Library
Jacqui Dacosta
 Camden – Robeson Library, Robeson #204
Donna Wertheimer

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:20AM. Members at each location introduced themselves and welcomed back Linda Beninghove.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – December 11, 2009

Thanks to Ruth Hamann for recording minutes at the last joint meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

a. Voila Update (H. Huey and A. Ciliberti)

There are problems with using Wetpaint for the VOILA wiki, including advertising, spam, submissions not searchable. The web committee is still working on migrating to Drupal, which could be an alternative option for VOILA and would eliminate many of the problems. Other alternatives are PBWorks or Wikispaces, but this would require migrating the content. The VALE Website Committee is planning to hold training for the VALE Drupal site in March, with the rollout happening soon after. Keith Williams from NJIT is VALE's consultant so Heather will talk to him about the potential to use Drupal for the VOILA database.

3. Information Literacy Progression Standards – update (Jacqui Dacosta)

Institutions are already beginning to utilize the standards: Donna Wertheimer at Rutgers Camden is using them as a basis for learning outcomes with the ESL program; Atlantic Cape Community College and Mercer County Community College have also mass produced the document for their campuses and are using the standards. Leslin Charles is using the standards for program review at Berkeley College.

Anne Ciliberti reported feedback from the VALE Member's Council. That group discussed whether they were "standards or guidelines" and questioned if there are plans for assessment of the standards. Overall feedback from the library directors was very positive.

Further discussion of assessing the standards resulted in the suggestion that the Information Literacy Progression Standards wiki be utilized to aggregate and organize case studies for using and assessing the standards. Examples should be made available to all VALE libraries.

4. Joint Programs – VALE SIL/ACRL User Education Committee (The order of these agenda items was reversed.)

c. Summer 2010 (June 7)

The location and date are finalized – Rider University on Monday, June 7, 2010. There will be a fee to cover costs. Roberta Tipton and Megan Dempsey volunteered to fill 2 facilitator spots for breakout sessions: Roberta – Rubrics; Megan – Scholarly vs. Popular Journals.

b. NJLA 2010

The following proposals submitted jointly by VALE SIL and ACRL/NJLA User Education were accepted:

- Research Guides and Websites Made Easier - Eleonora Dubicki and Allison Moonitz (Moderator: Ruth Hamann)
- Testing, Testing: Using Google Docs for Assessment - Roberta Tipton, Nancy Weiner and Diane Campbell
- Escape the Noise of the Internet Superhighway: Providing Quiet, Comfort, Safety and Stability in the Online Environment through Information Literacy - Leslin Charles (Moderator: Jacqui DaCosta)

a. VALE 2010

Initial feedback is that VALE SIL sessions were rated highly. For "The Survey Says..." 65% of participants rated a 5 (highest score), 22% rated a 4. For "Information Literacy Progression Standards..." 68% of participants rated a 5, 23% rated a 4. A. Ciliberti reported that Judy Avrin is preparing the results to send out to presenters.

5. VALE Executive Committee (Anne Ciliberti)

a. Feedback

This was discussed in the context of the Information Literacy Progression Standards discussion. VALE is still working on establishing 501(c)(3) status.

b. Assessment Fair

Will be held in Rutgers Busch Center and have a number of tables set up so attendees can walk through the room and pick up handouts or view posters of a variety of assessment tools and projects. The Assessment Committee has developed a template for each product/methodology to follow. It was decided that VALE SIL will co-host the event with the Assessment Committee and can have multiple tables for information literacy assessment. A suggestion was made to include a table of obstacles people face so that others can see the common challenges and offer their suggestions. A. Ciliberti will bring this idea to the committee.

6. VALE SIL – FY10 Objectives:

e. Discuss and develop initiatives to facilitate the use of Web 2.0 tools within information literacy

Lynee Richel has proposed a program, "Engaging Remote Users: Teaching to Multiple Intelligences with Educational Technologies." The proposal was sent to HRLC with no response so far. The committee fully supports the program and offered the following suggestions:

- Propose again to HRLC emphasizing that the program would benefit school media specialists *and* academic librarians.
- If HRLC rejects the proposal, VALE SIL can host the program, perhaps in December since there are a number of summer programs already.
- Consider an alternative snow date if holding in December.
- The proposal could also be brought to NJASL to see if they are interested.
- If these suggestions do not work, the program could be turned into a breakout session for VALE 2011.

7. Other business

Denise Marshall reported that her library (FDU) now has a shelf of materials devoted to Assessment and Information Literacy for faculty to check out. They are also adding resources on this topic aimed at faculty to their website.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Dempsey