

VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee

Minutes of the November 5, 2002 Meeting

Present: Ballen, Belicose, Bissett, Ciliberti, Hoover, Kearney, Kuchi, Lu, Madacsi, Malanga, Richel, Rodriguez, Stec, Sweeney, Vincenti, Wenk, Wu

1. Anne Ciliberti convened the meeting in the Pane Room at Rutgers' Alexander Library and reviewed the minutes of the June 25, 2002 meeting. Several members of sub-committees provided brief updates of their groups' progress.
2. Rich Sweeney reported that several VALE library directors had agreed to enable one staff member each to work together on developing a shared information literacy module during the month January. He explained that the idea is to focus our development efforts with a critical mass of staff over a four-week period. The group would probably meet at Rutgers daily during the January period and each would be relieved of his/her other duties during this time.

The purpose of this effort will be to develop a model of how shareable literacy products can be developed by documenting the process as a module is actually developed. The group will need to work through the pedagogical and technical issues as they proceed with the goal of developing a product and a template useful for building future modules.

3. There was extensive discussion about this opportunity within the group. Several members expressed reservations that such an effort was premature, that the foundations for the concept had not yet been established. Others emphasized the need to agree upon who the users of the product will be, to ensure that sound pedagogical techniques are employed and that assessment considerations be addressed.
4. After substantial discussion, a general consensus was reached that:
 - ~ the January team will be asked to develop a module to teach students about citations: what they are, why they're used, how to interpret them, etc.
 - ~ members of the SIL Committee will review existing products for helpful ideas regarding content, method, techniques, etc. Any products identified as useful should be sent to Ciliberti before the first week in December.
 - ~ a smaller group, including the January team, will meet the first week in December and review the products identified and analyze them for technique and content.
5. Dave Hoover explained that the VALE Executive Committee has asked him to develop a pilot Z39.50 union catalog using the Sitesearch software for demonstration at the Users' Conference. He asked that the members present identify the person in their libraries to whom Dave should speak to obtain data about their online catalogs.