

VALE's Shared Information Literacy Committee

Minutes of the December 7, 2004 Meeting

Present: Anne Ciliberti, Caroline Geck, Kathy Malanga, Richard Sweeney, Bill Vincenti

1. Ciliberti reviewed the original objectives of the Committee and acknowledged that progress in the past year has been slow. She also reviewed the current status of the Committee's efforts and welcomed Caroline Geck from Kean University, who wishes to join the Committee.
2. After discussion, the group agreed that the Committee's original purpose of sharing information literacy materials and knowledge so that duplication of effort can be minimized is still valid and important.
3. Having decided that the group still has an important function, consideration was given as how best to proceed. The following opinions were expressed:
 - a. Print handouts and subject guides should be gathered, organized and shared among members.
 - b. Efforts to finalize the new MySQL database for tutorials should be continued and new efforts should be made to refresh the content.
 - c. A web page should be developed to introduce the database and state its purpose. Links to other important information literacy websites should be included.
 - d. The committee should encourage the development and sharing of information literacy resources on particular themes, such as assessment.
4. Geck reported on the work of the ACRL User Education Committee and after discussion, it was agreed that Ciliberti will reach out to the President of the User Education Committee to discuss how the two groups might collaborate to further their efforts. She will inquire if the VALE SIL group can meet with the ACRL group, possibly in February.
5. Overall, there was a consensus that the Committee should spend the next six months revitalizing the database and its contents of existing information literacy materials. Once accomplished, the group should move forward and explore issues such as:
 - a. Competency-based assessment methods and techniques.
 - b. Lesson plans, self-directed tutorials and other techniques designed to promote active learning.
6. The following assignments were agreed to:
 - a. Malanga will see if Richard Kearney can use php and work with Hoover to complete the database.

- b. Malanga will contact the owners of content in the existing database to determine their interest in continuing and see if there are updated or additional materials to be included.
- c. Ciliberti will contact the current SIL members to see if they are still interested in participating and a general call for new members may be made via the corrado listserv.
- d. A SIL web page will be created.

Notes prepared by Ciliberti