

5CLIR Council Meeting

12 June, 2003

Minutes

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2003 @ 2:30 P.M. (?)

Present were: June Guild, Naomi Yanis, Dorothy Gorra, Eleanor Shattuck, Ann Grose, Bob Grose, Norm Winston, Sheila Klem, Laura Belsky, Ted Belsky, Gillian Morbey, Connie Anderson, Diedrick Snoek, Pat Keating, Alex Leras, Nick Leras, Chuck Gillies and Barbara Snoek. Peg Bedell and Jim Scott arrived a bit later.

1. Pres. Gillies called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
Ted Belsky was asked to take notes until Jim Scott arrived.

Welcome and Announcements

The President made several announcements:

- Former member Phil Ward Passed away this past week. He had been living in Loomis Village in So. Hadley
- The Council recognized that Pat Keating was attending her last council meeting after a career of attending the Council either as a elected council member or as chair of one of our committees. She was given a warm round of applause.
- Three Council members whose terms are up after this meeting are: Norm Winston, Hy Edelstein and Connie Anderson.
- Newly elected council members are: Dorothy Gorra, Jim Scott and David Moriarty

2. Minutes of Council Meeting May 8, 2003

The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

3. Remarks by the President

Pres. Gillies will make his remarks at the end of the meeting.

4. Remarks by Vice President

President elect Naomi Yanis then announced there would be no meeting in July.

5. Calendar Issues

Karen will begin her vacation as soon after June 30 as her work load allows. She wants to send out seminar assignments and make other arrangements associated with starting the fall semester before she leaves. It is planned that there will be a few days when both Karen and Suzanne Olszewski (her summer replacement) will overlap allowing the transition to go smoothly. Karen will return Sept.

6. Committee Reports

(a) Curriculum - Alex Leras

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The Committee recommends that the next "Meet the Moderators" meeting be reduced to one and a half hours rather than a two hour meeting. Two hours proved unnecessarily long.

Alex handed out a suggested schedule of events for the fall

semester of next year. She noted that the Lottery for fall classes will be held June 20th.

Two seminars are already oversubscribed (Connie Anderson's 85 Gerry Rosenthal's) Four seminars currently have light registration and might be rescheduled. The above is based on over 130 registrations by paid up members.

It was noted that the fall startup date of Sept. 16 was later than last year's date. Deadline for submitting proposals for Fall 2004 will be last week in April 6, 2004. Karen has seen and responded to the suggested dates covered by the Fall 2004 calendar.

The committee recommends that future proposals to the Curriculum Committee be distributed to the committee members by e-mail rather than hard copy. Clearly this will be a quicker and less expensive way to distribute material than present practice.

Council members thanked Alex for her leadership of the Curriculum Committee during her two year tenure as Co-Chair.

(b) Finance Committee -- Nick Leras

Current year's income minus expenses is \$9600 to date. Nick anticipates that the final figures for the year will be about \$7200.

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General positive response to this announcement.

Bob Grose reported that Jean Stabell will be retiring as treasurer of Five College, Inc. and might seek to join 5CLIR as a member. It was recommended and approved that in recognition of her many years of service to 5CLIR that her first year membership dues be waived.

Pres. Gullies raised the issue of determining which off campus seminar sites should receive contributions for hosting seminars. It was voted that Historic Northampton should receive a \$100 gift while both the Flynt Center, Renaissance Center and the Bang Center need not be recipient of such gifts. Alex suggested that when our own members contribute to such groups they should congratulate them for hosting LIR activities,

(c) Nominating Committee - Peg Bedell

Bedell announced the three newly elected Council Members: Dotty Gorra, Dave Moriarty, and Jim Scott.

She also apologized for the inclusion of the secret ballot of the recent election in the same envelope as the response sheets for the membership questionnaire which had the recipient's name.

General discussion followed seeking to ensure that such an error could not be repeated.

There was positive comment on the inclusion of biographical statements of the candidates for Officers and Council members.

Motion: Candidates for Officers and Council should be informed that they are expected to attend scheduled meetings, with no more than 2 planned absences.

Voted Unanimously.

(d) Membership Committee - Pat Keating

Due to an especially busy calendar there was no special meeting for new members this spring.

Our brochures have been revised to bring them up to date and are currently being printed.

Chuck took this opportunity to thank Pat for her many years of service to 5CLIR.

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(e) Summer and Winter Programs -- Gillian Morbey 136 Dotty Gorra

Registration for the summer programs very strong. Gillian enumerated the events that occur between late June and early September.

(e) Meetings Committee -- June Guild

"Meet the Moderators" at the Red Barn was a huge success.

This new format definitely works. Feedback has been positive.

The 30 packets for potential new members was not enough for those requesting them, which indicates a significant increase in membership in the fall.

The Fall Membership Meeting will be a picnic at Look Park on Thursday, September 18. Members will decide what refreshments to bring. The pavilion is reserved for rain or shine.

June thanked the members of her committee who have served faithfully over the years.

(f) Newsletter -- Eleanor Shattuck & Sheila Klem

Council was reminded to alert newsletter staff of all organizational functions. They also noted that human interest stories about our fellow members received favorable comment.

(g) Publicity Committee - Peg Bedell

There was nothing to report this month.

7. Sub-Committee Reports

(a) Conversations over Coffee - Ann Grose

The 4 present committee members are resigning.

Recommendations:

Number of meetings per year should be reduced three or four, at most.

The name of the committee should be changed to just "Conversations"

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Themes and formats should be pursued that emphasize conversation and interaction among attendees rather than lecture. Toward that end committee should seek new people, provide name tags, and revise seating arrangements to facilitate small group conversation.

The Bang Center is not a good site for hosting "Conversations". Council discussion suggested that new organizational committee members might be sought from those members who were

unsuccessful candidates for Council or those who signed the "volunteer" sheet at the recent Moderators meeting.

(b) Special Events - Dotty Gorra

Dotty announce a special lecture series entitled EMERGE on concepts of "beginnings" from the points of view of science and religion. These will occur the last 2 Saturdays in October and the first 2 Saturdays in November. The speakers will be Cliff Matthews, David Scott and Lynn Margolis.

Comments by the President:

On the occasion of his last Council Meeting as President, Chuck Gillies thanked Barbara Snoek and Ted Belsky as Past Presidents for their guidance and support during his presidency. He also thanked the members of the Strategic Planning Committee, Council members and Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs.

Chuck went on to discuss his reflections on four areas of LIR activity: The role of the Council, Officers, Moderators, and Membership in their relationship to Five College, Inc; the role of the Program Coordinator in LIR, its officers, and its membership; the role of the Curriculum Committee and the evolution of curricular issues; and LIR as a maturing organization. In each area he offered reflection of his experience in LIR, and some advice for future presidents and Council members. He closed with the advice that Council must maintain the Goals of LIR, and he again offered his thanks for the rewards of his year as President.

S. Ad Hoc Committees: Strategic Planning Committee

Chuck Gillies presented the printed report of the Strategic Planning Committee of 2003, Completing the Circle. The report is divided into 4 parts: Introduction, Brief History of 5CLIR, Recommendations 86

9. Old Business:

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Actions, and Appendices. Each member of the Council and the Officers were given a black and white copy of the report. Color copies were presented to the Presidents of the 4 Colleges and the University of Massachusetts, as well as to Five College Inc.

Chuck thanked the members of the Strategic Planning Committee, and announced that with the completion of this report, the committee is disbanded.

After briefly reviewing the Mission Statement, the Governance Issues, and the Membership sections, the Council acted on the following motions from the Membership Section of the Report:

1. Motion: At this time there will not be a membership cap in

SCLIR. This is to be adopted as SCUM policy.

Voted unanimously.

2. Motion: Council will make regular efforts to have SCLIR know to the retirees, both faculty and staff, of the Five Colleges. This is to be adopted as SCLIR policy.

Voted unanimously.

3. Motion: Council will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study the matter of diversity within the SCLIR.

Voted unanimously.

Chuck reported that Jim Harvey and Doris McKethen have agreed to be Co-Chairs of this committee. Discussion followed in which it was agreed that the current membership of 5CLIR does not reflect the diversity in the community at large. Diversity was interpreted to include Racial /Ethnic/ Economic diversity in the community. Discussion centered upon such issues as: Is diversity a concern? What can be done to make 5CLIR more diverse? Difficulties in recruitment in "minority" groups. Under the Space Needs section of the recommendations, the committee made three statements. The recent survey by the Loomis Village group has the possibility of including 5CLIR space in an eventual complex.

Annual Report: Chuck Gillies called for all persons who have not completed their contributions to do so as soon as possible.

10. New Business:

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(a) Membership of Jean Stabell:

Jean Stabell is retiring as Treasurer of 5CLIR. She has been helpful over the years to further the needs of 5CLIR.

Motion: To offer Jean Stabell one year of free full membership in SCLIR.

Voted unanimously.

(b) Liaison with EIN:

Motion: Chuck Gillies will act as Liaison between 5CLIR and EIN.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Voted unanimously.

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Distributed at the meeting:

Agenda

"Completing the Circle" The report of the Strategic Planning Committee