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NELIG Meeting
August 20, 2004
Framingham State College, Framingham, MA

Minutes

The first meeting of the NELIG year was a grand success. Pre-meeting festivities included time for meeting and greeting fellow NELIGers while enjoying coffee and pastries.

Barbara Kenney, NELIG Chair opened the meeting promptly at 10:15 am with warm greetings to all thirty-three attendees present. Barbara prefaced the meeting with a few housekeeping issues:

1. Please get involved in NELIG. NELIG is for “us” and our participation in program and conference planning is essential to our success.
2. Please RSVP to Barbara for all of the meetings that you will be attending. This year the meeting calendar will be set early to ease your planning.

The theme of the meeting was “Standards in Sixty: incorporating the ACRL Info Lit Standards into the one-shot library instruction session”.

Presenters included Kathy Labadorf of UConn, Corrine Ebbs of Westfield State College, Karen McNulty of Boston College, Linda Stern of Massachusetts Bay Community College and Barbara Kenney of Roger Williams University.

Kathy discussed the development of an active learning method used to illustrate ACRL Info Lit competency Standard 2, #5c: Differentiates between the types of sources cited and understands the elements and correct syntax of a citation for a wide range of resources. Corinne discussed the development and use of an assessment tool that Westfield State is administering to all incoming freshmen. The tool is based on one used at Cal-Poly, Pomona. Karen discussed Boston College’s collaboration with the 1st year writing program. They focus on one or only a few of the ACRL information literacy competency standards in each session. Linda discussed her work this summer. She created a on page document for her faculty that summarized the 16 page ACRL booklet on Info Lit Competencies. She distributed copies of this document. Her focus in her teaching is to emphasize to students that they must refine their search techniques and closely evaluate search results.

Barbara’s technique is not to share the competency standards with faculty, but to illustrate them via her custom designed library instruction sessions. She provides faculty with the exercises and lessons that she develops for their classes. The focus is on Standards #2 & 3 using Problem Based Learning as a mechanism for delivery.

Before, between and following the presentations there was a lively discussion about using the ACRL information literacy competencies in teaching, in planning and in conjunction with accreditation.

After a short break for refreshments, the business portion of the meeting commenced.
Announcement was made of several upcoming conferences:

- ACRL National, April 7-10, 2005 in Minneapolis, MN
- ACRL/NEC, May 20, 2005 at Rivier College in Nashua, NH. The theme will be the “Future of Academic Libraries”
- NELINET, May 6, 2005
- LOEX, May 14-16, 2005 in Louisville, KY.

The NELIG meeting calendar was planned for the year. Meeting dates are as follows:

- November 19, 2004 at Rensselaer at Hartford, CT. Topic will be “Becoming a Better Presenter”.
- March 4, 2005 at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut.
- May 6, 2005 TBA

Many ideas were discussed as topics for the three meetings, among them are the following:

- best practices, assessment, the "millennials", instruction design, teaching with technology, “what high school students need”, management skills for info lit coordinators.

The NELIG Annual Conference is proposed for June 10, 2005. This meeting will tentatively be held at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. The group brainstormed theme ideas for the annual meeting. After considerable high quality discussion the theme of “making the info lit standards concrete” emerged as a very popular topic.

Barbara suggested that NELIG develop strong guidelines for conference presenters. For example:

- Proposal abstracts must state clearly what the presenter intends to do and speak about
- Time allotments must be strictly adhered to
- Presentation skills should reflect the best that we can be!

The meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. MacDonald
NELIG Secretary, 2004 - 2005