



**Minutes
CIEL Coordinator Meeting
April 30th, 2009
Alverno College**

**Attendance: Sirkka, Julie, Paul, Jack, Megan, Mary, Kathleen, Kebokile and Gret.
Guest: Justine Tutuska, Faculty member, Daemen College**

Announcements:

- Invoice for 09-10 dues out in May;
- Online student journal nominations due May 25th;
- Gallatin faculty members have decided to withdraw from CIEL;
- AAC&U – Jan. 20-23, 2010;
- Megan Hoffman is not going to serve in the role of CIEL coordinator next year. We want to thank her for her service and she will be missed! THANK YOU, MEGAN!

Opening remarks: Thanks to Alverno College for hosting the spring symposium and much appreciation to Pitzer College for working very hard on the virtual student presentations as well as to Tom Means at Marlboro for providing us with a virtual foreign language demonstration.

1. New Membership –

- New College at the University of Alabama - The group voted to accept the New College into CIEL.
- Johnston Center at the University of Redlands - The group authorized Gret to visit the Johnston Center for a final decision; the educational philosophy is compatible and appears to be an ideal fit, however the dedicated faculty is small. Coordinators wanted to be sure there was commitment from the larger University and the capacity to add energy to the group.

2. Update Fall 2008 initiatives –

- Language Initiative – There was discussion on details of the virtual foreign language demonstration. Gret reported that three colleges were accepted at the CIC Network for Effective Language Institute (NELI) and Kathleen reported that Alverno was also accepted; the institute will be held this summer. It was mentioned that the institutions involved may want to give a presentation at AAC&U on the collaboration. (Note: the call for proposals will go out at the end of May.) To Pilot the initiative by fall 2010 the interested institutions will need to discuss details of cost, scheduling, advising, registration, course descriptions, credit hours, etc. Gret can help coordinate that discussion.



- Food Shed Curriculum – Three members of the Foodshed curriculum group participated in a conference call and decided to try to pilot a course at each participating institution in the spring 2011. Mike Gilmore is developing a course description. The intention is to also implement an international component in the summer 2011 open to any student participating in the spring course. Prescott College and New Century College are planning to participate.
 - Border Studies – No progress, however there is a recent graduate of Fairhaven who is interested in being an Intern with CIEL and would like to participate in advancing this curricular area.
 - Global Competences Project – Gret will be working on summarizing the responses this summer. It was noted that this project could also be a presentation at AAC&U.
 - Student Exchange sub-committee – It was decided to revisit this issue in the fall.
3. **Discussion Individual membership** – The group was generally in favor of developing an individual membership opportunity; there appeared to be two categories of individual membership. One category would be for individuals who can elevate the stature of the organization due to their accomplishments and scholarship would be invited as honorary members and act as a part of an advisory committee to the CIEL coordinators. The other category would consist of interested faculty members or administrators who have a desire to learn about CIEL, but are not yet prepared to bring their institution into the status of member or affiliate member or who the coordinators (or Executive Director) believes can serve the consortium's interests. This category of membership would have modest dues. Gret will write this up in a proposal and clarification for the group to review.
 4. **Fall 2009 meeting** will be at Daemen College on September 25, 26 & if necessary on the morning of the 27th. The theme will be Environmental Justice and the meeting will be concurrent with an Environmental Summit that is hosted annually by Daemen. Mary Fox will coordinate with Gret on writing an announcement to be sent to you for distribution in late August. We have commitments from all the schools participating in the conference call to send the coordinator and most schools will be sending faculty members. Specific interests mentioned were environmental contamination in urban areas and its overlap with low income neighborhoods, food justice and watersheds. The group is supportive of having faculty members participate virtually as well as in person. We all want to go to Niagara Falls, so bring your passports!
 5. **Spring Student Symposium 2010** has been put on hiatus for next year due to a variety of challenges. The discussion centered on the original purposes of the student symposium and current viability of funding student travel. There was



general agreement that student interaction and collaboration across the Colleges has great value. The idea of doing the entire student symposium virtually was not supported at this time. An alternative was suggested that involved supporting a thematic curricular project, possibly involving international study and service, where students are presenting their work in the course. As an example, Justine Tutuska, faculty member from Daemen College, is interested in working with CIEL to expand on a course she teaches in the Dominican Republic that has a health and international service focus. Gret will follow-up with Justine and she will be participating in the fall 2009 meeting.

6. **Fall 2010 meeting** will be held at the New College of Florida to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary. The working theme will be: Fifty years of innovation and the challenges of sustaining it.
7. **Other issues:**
 - Paul Burkhardt volunteered to gather the Institutional Technology departments at each institution to share best practices and assess capabilities in order to advance future virtual collaborations.
 - We decided to hold the spring 2010 coordinators meeting during the AAC&U meeting; a conference phone will be available for those members who are not planning to attend. Dates: January 20-23, 2010.