

**FIVE COLLEGES LEARNING IN RETIREMENT
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING - CORRECTED
NOVEMBER 11, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the 5CLIR Council was held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at the offices of Five Colleges, Incorporated on Spring Street in Amherst, MA.

Present: Larry Ambs, John Armstrong, Lise Armstrong, Marybeth Bridegam, Laura Cranshaw, Peter Ferber, Mary Franks, Arnold Friedmann, Dorothy Gorra, Sheila Klem, Sandy Muspratt, Callie Orszak, Dean Poli, Janet Price, Dorothy Rosenthal, James Scott, Beverley von Kries, Joan Wofford, Michael Wolff, Sara Wright.

Call to Order: President Larry Ambs called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as distributed.

Remarks by the President: Larry Ambs reported on the meeting of the Association of Retired Organizations of Higher Education that he attended. The organizations are not like the Lifelong Learning Institutes of EIN, but instead consist of retired faculty and/or retired staff. The programs they have are mainly for dealing with problems facing retirees, such as health care, social security, living wills, wellness, etc. They are usually attached to the office of the provost, continuing education, or the development office. The theme of the conference was that retirees of higher education are an underutilized resource that has experience, wisdom, and time available.

Report of the Vice-President: Joan Wofford reported that she and Sara Wright have been working on plans for the Spring Preview of November 21 at Valentine Hall, Amherst College. She said that the staff of Valentine Hall seem pleased to be having us and she thinks the food will be excellent. Joan and Sara are planning a 15-minute break half-way through so that moderators can enjoy some refreshments and mingle. Although electric outlets are limited, there will be extension cords providing the needs of moderators and these will be safely behind the tables.

Finance Committee Report: Treasurer Sandy Muspratt distributed a financial report (filed with these minutes.)

Technology Committee Report: Janet Price referred Council to the report distributed with the agenda for this meeting (on file with these minutes).

Curriculum Committee Report: Mary Franks reported that the committee has approved 24 seminars for the spring and that there is great variety among them. She encouraged members of Council to come and to bring friends. The Moderators Meeting was very successful and notes from that meeting, taken by Ellen Peck, will be very helpful to the Committee.

Jim Scott reported that Paul Berman has resigned from the Committee and that they would like to have approval for Marybeth Bridegam to take his place.

Motion: Arnold Friedmann moved that Council approve Marybeth Bridegam as a member of the Curriculum Council to replace Paul Berman. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Relations Committee Report: Dean Poli reported that a paid ad for the Spring Preview will appear in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. Free one-line notices of the Preview will also appear in the Amherst Bulletin and as a Headliner in Hampshire Life. The committee is designing a poster based on the artwork in the 5CLIR bookmark. WFCR wrote a letter of appreciation for the participation of some of our members in the most recent fund drive.

Summer/Winter Programs Report: Dorothy Gorra reported that there will be one event per week during January, including the annual memorial program, in addition to the technology programs scheduled for January 12 and 13.

Membership Committee Report: Sheila Klem said that the committee is contacting former members with help from Callie Orszak. Most people contacted report that they have dropped out of 5CLIR because of health problems. Sheila reported that those contacted seemed to appreciate the personal touch of a phone call. A complete report of the Committee is on file with these minutes.

Special Programs Committee Report: Lise Armstrong supplemented the written report of the Committee (on file with these minutes). Callie said that the French Conversation Group has found a place at Applewood for its meetings (Friday, 1:30-3:30) with a lot of cooperation from the Marketing Director, Christine Sulborski. Lise suggested inviting her to the Spring Preview. Sara said that if we invite a representative from one retirement community we should invite some one from all of the ones that host us.

Lise inquired about how priorities should be established for a bus trip to the Culinary Institute of America in the spring that is associated with a seminar. It was agreed that seminar members and one non-member guest each would have priority, followed by other members of 5CLIR. Because the trip will be a long day event, it was felt that people might want to bring spouses or friends.

Lise asked which committee has responsibility for one-time events. After considerable discussion of the topic, Larry suggested that Lise bring this question to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Office Manager's Report: Callie reported that the newsletter is receiving very positive comments. There have been some problems in scheduling seminars for the spring because of the way the proposal form asked for moderator preferences. The form will be revised to deal with these problems.

Great Decisions Committee Report: The Committee is in the process of trying to find speakers and to narrow down the topics to five from those selected by the Foreign Policy Association: Rebuilding Haiti, National Security, Horn of Africa, Financial Crisis, Germany Ascendant, Nonproliferation, Crisis in the Caucasus, and Global Governance.

Development Committee Report: John Armstrong reported that Dave Cramer will be calling a meeting of the Committee.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Larry said that 5CLIR is fortunate to have good relationships with the campuses but that we could think about how to expand our contacts with them. Marybeth pointed out that WFCR will be having an anniversary next year and we may want to recognize that in some way. Callie reported that the Parking Office at Amherst College was very pleased that we responded positively to their request that we schedule seminars there at 2 p.m. or later. After discussion of a number of ideas, Larry said that he will appoint an ad hoc Outreach Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Dorothy Rosenthal, Secretary

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2010
*****2:30-4:30 PM*****
FIVE COLLEGES OFFICE**