

Five College LIR Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 1999  
at Five Colleges, Inc.

**Present** were Ted Belsky, Peg Bedell, Charles Gillies, Robert Grose, Jonathan Hanke, Marcia Holden, Thelma Isaacs, Allan Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Pat Keating, David Moriarty, Eleanor Reid, Paul Rothery, Jane Sherman, Marcia Silverman, Barbara Snoek, Diedrick Snoek, Charlotte Winston, Jacqueline Wisneski and Naomi Yanis. **Missing** were Amy Johnson, Anne Keppler and Midge White.

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Diedrick Snoek, at 1:32 PM.
  
2. The minutes of the meeting of April 8, 1999 were approved after amendment as follows: The second sentence of the third paragraph should read - "They propose to change the third sentence of paragraph IIA of the by-laws to read... 'The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates, which may include two candidates for each office if desired by Council.'" (note: The underlined phrase has been changed from "...which includes two candidates for each office if possible.")
  
3. There were several remarks or topics raised by the President, Diedrick Snoek:
  - (a) Since many members will be on the Spain trip at the time of the June Council meeting he asked that a change be considered. After discussion it was agreed to skip the June meeting. The next meeting of Council will be Thursday, July 8, 1999.
  - (b) He welcomed Lise Armstrong as soon-to-be-Chair of the Curriculum Committee and also thanked her for being "Queen of the Arrangements Committee" for the tenth anniversary celebration.
  - (c) Diedrick reported that the celebration had come in "within budget."
  - (d) He reported that as planned he thought the celebration had helped to "open doors for LIR within the five colleges." Gregory Prince, President of Hampshire, seemed very interested in LIR and in "inter-generational interaction." Comments were made about Hampshire's extensive building plans and hopes were expressed for LIR's possible place in these plans. Also Steven Demsky of U Mass seemed supportive. He heads Continuing Education at U Mass and they are in a new very convenient building on North Pleasant and appear to "want us". There was much discussion of how to follow up on the openings begun at the celebration. Diedrick will follow up with a visit to Pres. Prince and Mr. Demsky, possibly with Ted Belsky and Karen Tatro (and help as needed from Lise Armstrong) and our "Report of Space Needs" - possibly modified - should go to Lorna Peterson of Five Colleges and eventually to the Presidents. Concern was expressed about proper "channels" being followed and that the new Five College Inc. treasurer be invited to a future Council meeting.
  - (e) Diedrick asked about plans for the Annual Meeting. The program will include (i) by-laws changes (handled by Diedrick); (ii) nominations (presented by Chuck Gillies); (iii) comments by Pat Keating; (iv) summer program presentation by Barbara Snoek and Paul Rothery; (v) curriculum committee new course catalogue (presented by Eleanor Reid).

4. Eleanor Reid reported for the Curriculum Committee:

- (a) The new catalogue is ready to go with 20 courses.
- (b) The catalogue includes a "look ahead" with four courses already approved for spring of '00 including one on "superstring theory". The Committee hopes that more complete descriptions will be included in future Newsletters. Eleanor expressed awareness that the Committee needs to be sensitive to the needs of the Newsletter Committee.
- (c) The Committee has deferred action on a report from the "Full Year Curriculum Task Force" for future consideration.
- (d) Audio assistance information is included in the catalogue, although not with the prominence originally intended.
- (e) The Committee is hosting a meeting of all fall term moderators on June 17 where the new moderator's handbook will be presented.
- (f) There was discussion of the writing of the new handbook and a request that it be shared with others before final production.
- (g) Eleanor noted the Committee's praise for Karen Tatro's handling of the difficult job of placing seminars as she attempts to "keep everyone happy."
- (h) Eleanor noted the retirement from the Committee of Connie Anderson and herself and that Lise Armstrong's and Pat Keating's terms are up, but they will be involved in the Committee in new ways. Eleanor will be available as a "consultant." She reported the Committee will wait for more volunteers at the annual meeting before choosing new members.
- (i) Diedrick expressed for himself, for Council and for all LIR "our deep appreciation for Eleanor's dedicated work these past two years."

5. Barbara Snoek reported for the Summer Programs Committee:

- (a) The dates for two programs - Doris Tishkoff and Arnold Black - have been interchanged because of Mr. Black's illness.
- (b) Pat Keating expressed that Council was very grateful for the work by Barbara Snoek and Paul Rothery with the Committee. The Committee included David Navon, Gladys Rapoport, Jack Glickman and Esther Crystal.

6. Allan and Kathleen Johnson reported for the Meetings Committee that everything is ready for the May 13th meeting, including new tablecloths for the new rectangular tables. Diedrick is to take care of the sound system.

7. Marcia Silverman reported for the Special Events Committee:

- (a) Thanks to Ted and Chuck for their efforts on Great Decisions.
- (b) The Mary Cassatt trip was a big success.
- (c) Marcia said she would only continue as Co-chair if there was a real committee willing to assist with projects. She noted the difficulties of the year with a brand new, not energetic committee and the difficulties of finding meeting times.
- (d) There was discussion of a possible trip to Arrowhead (Melville's home) in Pittsfield in connection with Lise Armstrong's planned Melville course. It was agreed that this might be organized now by the Committee.

(e) There was discussion of how conflicts are avoided (Council has this responsibility) and a question was raised if there could be a different kind of schedule (e.g., no Friday classes) to accommodate more special events.

(f) Diedrick raised (again) his concern that we, as an organization, may be trying to do too much!

8. David Moriarty (Membership Committee) reported on progress on the new brochure. He had several draft copies to circulate. There was discussion of the need for the Five College logo (the Committee felt, "no") and of the words "The...Program" in the title (general opinion: "no"). A final draft should be ready for the July Council meeting. It was moved, seconded and approved that "\$250 is authorized for graphic design work by Robin Cutler."

9. Jackie Wisneski reported that the Newsletter deadline is May 15. The next issue will be in September. Several photos of the tenth anniversary celebration (taken by Thelma Isaacs) will be included in the Newsletter.

10. Peg Bedell reported for the Publicity Committee:

(a) There have been brief articles in the Five College Ink and on May 5th in the Gazette.

(b) Announcements will go out shortly on the fall course plans and on the summer programs.

(c) There was considerable discussion about the Gazette's placing our material in a segregated "mature living" section. Diedrick especially objected, but others agreed, to being placed in the "old people's corner," since we are primarily an educational organization. It was felt we should challenge this "ageism" in some way. Peg Bedell will pursue this issue with Pip Stromgren at the Gazette.

(d) It was suggested that we pursue putting "our stuff" in other Five College publications.

11. Under Other Business:

(a) It was noted that there was no Treasurer's Report because the figures Charlotte Winston had received from Five Colleges were in error. A full report will be available at the July meeting.

(b) Diedrick reported that he had a further conversation with Eve Posada who wants to be replaced as "leader" of Conversations Over Coffee. It was felt that the replacement should be represented on Council.

12. Naomi Yanis proposed and everyone agreed that a round of applause should be given for Diedrick Snoek's "extraordinarily wise leadership this year." It was so done.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:32.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles K. Gillies  
Temporarily drafted secretary