

Five College LIR Council  
Minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2001  
Held at Five Colleges, Inc., Amherst

**Present for the Council** were: Ted Belsky (President), Chuck Gillies (Secretary), Harley Unger (Treasurer), Pat Keating (Past President), Connie Anderson ('03), Ed Buck ('02), Norman Winston ('03) and Naomi Yanis ('02).

**Also present** were Lise Armstrong (Chair, Curriculum), David Moriarty (Chair, Membership), and Linda Stairmand (Chair, Newsletter).

**Present, by invitation** were Ginny Senders, Molly Fitzgerald-Hayes and David Navon for the discussion on the Human Genome Project and George Snook for the discussion on his "Historic Personalities of Western Mass." seminar.

**Missing for the Council:** Barbara Snoek (Vice-President), Hy Edelstein ('03), Nylda Glickman ('02), June Guild ('01 and Chair, Meetings Committee), Jonathan Hanke ('01) and Amy Johnson ('01).

**Others missing:** Peg Bedell (Chair, Publicity), Anne Martin (Chair Winter and Summer Programs) and Ariella Nasuti (Five Colleges, Inc.)

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Ted Belsky at 1:30 PM.
2. The minutes of the last meeting (November 9, 2000) were approved as written. Chuck circulated a sign-up sheet for electronic delivery.
3. Ted Belsky read a short letter from Allan and Kathy Johnson thanking Council for the framed picture that the Council had given them for their service to 5CLIR.
4. Lise Armstrong reported for the Curriculum Committee that as of last Thursday (Jan. 04, 2001) there were 153 members registered for seminars. The following day the lottery was held for five seminars. Five additional seminars are closed and two are within one or two of being closed. George Snook has agreed to take more for his "Historic Personalities of Western Massachusetts." There are two seminars "on the low side." The Committee is already thinking about next fall and has one proposal in hand. Lise felt that "this had been a good year with many ideas." Lise asked if there were a policy that the Committee should meet in Northampton as they had had many temporary meetings in Amherst this year. It was agreed that there is no such policy. Ted Belsky asked about the catalogue statement that there are "no prerequisites for seminars," given the year long courses and requirements for Watercolor. Lise agreed that the language could be "fine tuned."
5. Council turned then to a presentation about the prospective program on the Human Genome. Ginny Senders gave a review of the plans to date and introduced Molly Fitzgerald-Hayes, Professor of bio-chemistry at U.Mass. who was "found" by Ginny through Lorna Peterson of Five Colleges as an excellent person to lead the class. Ms. Fitzgerald-Hayes then gave Council a half hour description of what the course would be. In the process she also demonstrated the "image projector device" that 5CLIR had been considering purchasing. She spoke of the importance of DNA, how she has been developing a course on the subject for non-scientists and several goals for the "LIR/HGP seminar." Her discussion was followed by several questions. It is expected that the course would be ten weeks long with 3-4 weeks for "open lecture" followed by a few weeks for members to work on projects and then a time for presentations. There was discussion of the cost of such a course. Ms. Hayes mentioned that



there would be a cost to her department amounting to about \$5000. There was discussion about how this could be met with several suggestions as to how funds could be raised. Ms. Fitzgerald-Hayes said, "Let's agree to do it and then figure it out...". Thanks were expressed to Ginny, David and Ms. Fitzgerald-Hayes for sharing this presentation, which all felt was very impressive. There was further discussion about the program, especially its possible costs and some questions about the organization of the program, i.e., who was in charge? After considerable discussion it was moved by Pat Keating and seconded by Naomi Yanis that

**We approve the Human Genome Project as described today as a ten week program and that the President appoint a coordinator to implement the program subject to suitable finances being arranged.**

Approved unanimously.

It is understood that the President will appoint Ginny Senders as the "coordinator of the LIR Human Genome Project." She should appoint a committee which will be a subcommittee of the Special Projects Committee.

6. Ted noted that the January Programs have been excellent so far and very well attended. He noted that Anne Martin is resigning as Chair of the Summer and Winter Programs Committee and that he is looking for suggestions for a new Chair.

7. Harley Unger noted that his Modern Architecture seminar was to be at the Yiddish Book Center, but that they have changed their policy and it needed a new locale. Karen Tatro found the Flynt Center at Historic Deerfield which appears to be an excellent facility and has the necessary visual equipment and will make no charge!

8. Harley reported that the planned January Computer Workshops have been oversubscribed - more than 30 for the PC section! Jono Hanke is in charge of the Mac section and Hy Edelstein of the PC section. We may be able to offer this again in the spring when the students are gone.

9. George Snook spoke to Council about his plans for his seminar, "Historic Personalities of Hampshire County (was Western Mass.)." They will be doing studies of 'local folk' and plan to write up their efforts and make them available at a small price to local schools, libraries, and members of 5CLIR. He had questions about the costs of duplicating. Council did not seem to think this was a major problem and agreed to back the project up to 50 copies costing around \$100, assuming some at least of the costs could be recouped by sales.

10. Harley gave the Treasurer's Report and said that Five Colleges is behind in their accounting, but that it will be up to date next time. Ted mentioned that he has asked for specific budgets for all specific programs.

11. Linda Stairmand reported for the Newsletter Committee that the next deadline is January 15th, to be out about January 25th. Ted suggested that the Newsletter be sent to the Five College office, especially Lorna Peterson.

12. David Moriarty reported for the Membership Committee that there will be a meeting on January 31st. The agenda will be (1) how to collect member feedback and (2) planning for next year's new member orientation in "truncated fashion." Dave noted that he is up for replacement as Chair of the Committee. He is thinking of trying to create a "yearbook" of members matching names and faces. He said that the membership form would be reviewed. Finally he reported that there are 207 full members plus 17 associates. Eleven are new this term with three returning and three changing from associate to full membership.

13. Ted handed out a letter that Karen Tatro had received from Diane Erickson of Springfield College regarding a request to interview "peer instructors" for a project she is engaged in. Council agreed that we should respond affirmatively.

14. It was moved by Ed Buck and seconded by Chuck Gillies that

**We approve a contribution of \$100 to the Yiddish Center for use of facilities last term.**

Approved unanimously.

15. Chuck Gillies briefly described the Great Decisions Program for this year (all programs are on Fridays:

March 16: INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CRISIS - Dr. George Cernada, Community Health Studies, U. Mass.

March 30: U.S. TRADE POLICY - Dr. Mahnaz Mahdavi, Economics Dept., Smith College.

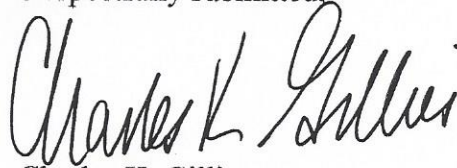
April 6: CHINA AND TAIWAN - Dr. Richard Belsky, Professor of Far Eastern Studies, Hunter College,

April 13: DEALING WITH IRAQ: WHICH WAY FORWARD? - Dr. Sohail Hashmi, Prof. of Int.Relations, Mt Holyoke & Middle Eastern Studies, Five Colleges.

April 20: MEXICO IN TRANSITION - Dr. Catherine Bliss, University of Mass., Amherst.

16. Chuck passed out a paper, "Five College Learning in Retirement Committees, 2000-2001." {revised version appended to these minutes} Chuck noted that the By-laws call for the Council to appoint all committees and that last year's "Committee on Committees" endeavored to 'rationalize' our committee structure and finally that the President had set a goal this year of strengthening our Committees. Chuck collected this information in hopes that all committees would be listed accurately and that we should have a discussion of how to strengthen the structure as well as make the formal approval. Since time was short this is deferred for next meeting. {note: please review the addendum for accuracy and completeness - Chuck}

Respectfully submitted,



Charles K. Gillies,  
Secretary



Distributed at the meeting were:

1. agenda
2. The Human Genome Project: What You Should Know About Your DNA!
3. Learning in Retirement: The Human Genome Project
4. 5 COLLEGE L.I.R. INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT, as of 01/09/01
5. A Proposal from George Snook
6. Copy of e-mail from Diane Erickson to Karen Tatro, dated 12/12/00
7. Five College Learning in Retirement Committees, 2000 - 2001

addendum

Five College Learning in Retirement Committees, 2000-2001 [revised]

**Standing Committees**

**1. Curriculum Committee - Elizabeth Armstrong, Ch. (class of '01) [min/max: 15-18]**

Class of '01

Florence Barondes  
Nicole Dunn  
Robert Grose  
David Navon  
Eleanor Shattuck  
Linda Stairmand  
Harley Unger

Class of '02

Shirley Brodigan  
Benjamin Haller  
Pat Keating  
Ginny Senders  
Jim Scott

Class of '03

Ruth Feldberg  
Ruth Hooke  
Alexandra Leras  
Suzanne Lehman  
Eleanor Reid  
Jono Hanke

**2. Finance Committee - Harley Unger, Treasurer, Chair**

Dorothy Gorra  
Hy Edelstein

Barbara Snoek  
Charlotte Winston

**3. Membership Committee - David Moriarty, Chair**

Gloria Ayvazian  
Beth Brown  
Madeline Casey

Jack Clarke  
Joice Gare

Suzanne Lehman  
Doris McKethan  
Patricia Keating

**4. Newsletter/Publicity - Peg Bedell and Linda Stairmand, Co-Chairs**

**5. General Meetings Committee - June Guild, Chair**

Laura Belsky  
Madge Ertel  
Joice Gare  
Allan Johnson

Helen Kroner  
Gillian Morbey  
David Moriarty  
David Navon

Lalita Rege  
Lora Simon  
Diedrick Snoek  
Shirley Tallent