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## A REPORT ON L.I.R.'S DECENNIAL CELEBRATION

We have been asked to recommend a feasible time and manner for celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of learning in Retirement. We considered the pro's and con's of both a winter and a spring occasion and decided that late April offers the best opportunity for widespread participation and easy travel. We also thought about the possibility of offering two events, but thought it best that we limit our commemoration to one, in which we bring together and honor both the founders of L.I.R. and our sponsors from Five Colleges Inc. and the participating institutions.

It is our recommendation that in commemoration of completing our tenth year,

- (1) we organize a banquet, printed invitations with RSVPs to be issued to all current members of L.I.R plus special invited guests; one recommended time for this event would be late April (say April 15 or 22). We are still in time to reserve a place in Willitts-Hallowell Center at Mt.Holyoke College and will attach some cost estimates we obtained from its director.
- (2) we recommend that the banquet be preceded by a reception with wine and cheese, in the presence of graphic displays showing the kinds of courses that have been offered, the growth of our membership, and (perhaps) some photographs of past events.
- (3) we recommend that participating institutions in the person of their Presidents be recognized with a framed certificate of appreciation, and that founding members be presented with a bouquet.

We asked Rachel Osborn of Willitts-Hallowell Center to inform us about the cost of a served dinner (as opposed to a buffet) with choice of meat, fish, or vegetarian alternatives. A medium-priced dinner with dessert and 15% gratuity would cost \$18.40 per person. This breaks down to 13.50 for the dinner, 2.50 for the dessert, and 2.40 gratuity.

A wine and cheese reception for about 100 would come to about \$580. We recommend that members be asked to pay \$20 for reserving a seat at the dinner, and that the costs of a reception be covered by the Council.

Respectfully submitted by the ad hoc committee on decennial celebration!

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