

SCIL Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2009
CSU Fullerton,
Fullerton, CA

Attendees:

Kerry Spears (Casa Loma College), April Cunningham (Saddleback College), Tina Breitbart (UC Irvine), Will Breitbart (CSU Fullerton), Stephanie Rosenblatt (CSU Fullerton), Gayatri Singh (UC San Diego), Pearl Ly (CSU San Marcos), Judi Windleharth (National University), Robin Lockesby (National University), Melanie Sellar (Marymount College), Alex Chapell (Claremont Colleges), Eugene Owens (University of Redlands), Shana Higgins (University of Redlands), Joy Lambert (CSU Fullerton), Adolfo Prieto (CSU Fullerton), Gabriel Beeler (CSU Fullerton intern), Christina Sheldon (CSU Los Angeles), Amy Chatfield (UC Los Angeles), Debbi Renfrow (UC Riverside).

Agenda:

1. **Meeting was preceded by a Share & Learn discussion of the SOS Project led by Stephanie Rosenblatt & April Cunningham:** Amy Wallace was contacted by the SOS Project (<http://www.infomationliteracy.org/>) to solicit information literacy teaching ideas for higher education. Since she knows that SCIL has the best of the best when it comes to information literacy and library instruction, she's asked for suggestions from our members. Prizes will be awarded for winners in the categories of "The Most Fun to Implement," "The Most Bang for the Buck" (this could be cost, ease of implementation, etc.), and "The Most Flexible" (anyone, anytime, anywhere, any subject, etc.). The deadline to submit is July 1. Some ideas that have already been submitted: Boolean Bingo (UCLA) and Quick Exercise for Planning Research (CSU Northridge). The form was sent out to the SCIL listserv. There was concern that only 4 year institutions can participate, but everyone can submit ideas.
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
Meeting was chaired by April Cunningham.
3. **Minutes**
Minutes from the February 2009 meeting at UC San Diego have been posted to the SCIL web site.
4. **Announcements & Updates**
 - a. Library Instruction Course through UCLA Extension Summer 2009
Joan Kapowitz at UCLA is offering Information Literacy Instruction: Theory and Technique (IS 448), an instruction class that is a hybrid of online (Moodle) and face-2-face class time. Contact Joan (joan@joankapowitz.com) for further information regarding this course. For information about enrolling visit <http://summer.ucla.edu/>.
 - b. Reports from recent conferences
Kerri: ACRL had good variety of presentations; Cyber Zed Sheds were helpful; lot of information on LibGuides and implementation; liked John Hickok's workshop on information literacy and ESL and International students; Junior College listserv had dinner together.

Melanie: At ACRL presented workshop with UC Irvine on teaching with primary sources and integrating them into the curriculum and different disciplines with active learning techniques; minor technical issues.

Pearl: Sherman Alexi and Ira Glass were wonderful keynote speakers

Deb Moore coordinated a SCIL meet up at ACRL. Overall, Seattle was an awesome location with great coffee, doughnuts and IPAs.

Alex: attended April's presentation on collaborating to develop students' critical information literacy; very theoretical and thought provoking; focusing on finding new ways to get students to evaluate information; moving away from checklist; more complicated and harder to teach.

April: at LOEX unable to attend presentation on threshold concepts to teach information literacy (former Share N Learn topic) by East Bay librarians because it was at the same time as her presentation, but their paper will be included in LOEX Proceedings.

5. New Business

a. Seeking a new Webmaster

1. Duffy Tweedy needs to step down. Thanks Duffy for doing an awesome job!
2. Reviewing the responsibilities— Currently there is a job description for the Webmaster and Listserv Manager. SCIL has a group looking at the details to record future SCIL events and programs. Do we need to revise the bylaws to include these added responsibilities? Webmaster and listserv go together, these new responsibilities seem more complicated. For future events, we can use slideshare with audio overlay and link/embed it into our site. It's hard to write new job description since our workgroup is still evaluating the situation. We can keep it broad and say we're looking for a volunteer that can help SCIL move in these directions.

Listservs are outdated technology. Are they serving our purpose as they once did? Should we look for a new distribution channel? Is SCIL listserv redundant with CARL listserv? Gayatri will check SCIL Steering listserv to make sure people on the sign in sheet are added.

3. Considering possible volunteers

It's an appointment, so there is no need to vote. If you know anyone interested, please email April Cunningham (acunningham@saddleback.edu). Marsha knows a library school student that might be interested in this position.

6. Continuing Business

a. Spring Program

1. Location: Occidental College, June 19th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, it will include breakfast and lunch. The only cost at this location will be the food. Cost will be approximately \$30-40 per person. No parking fee. It can accommodate 50-60 people, groups of 8 at round tables. Cost-wise we're not dependent on a certain size. Allows us more flexibility if there is a small turnout.

2. Theme-- Facilitated Round Table Discussions: We're modeling how to involve our colleagues in reflective practice; we're looking for types of questions that are meant to illicit thoughtful comments. Maybe split it into 2 sessions- one structured and one unconference/unstructured where people can discuss what they want to talk about or continue subtopics that came out of morning discussions. Then have a bring it all together meeting with everyone at the end. Need a way to identify different topics at the tables.

Possible topics for questions: threshold stuff at san Marcos, Stacy Russo's work at Chapman with library reading group and library as place, strategies to encourage and inspire your colleagues to teach, incorporate activism into teaching. If you think of a question, or would like to be a facilitator at a table please email Marsha Schnirring (mschnirring@oxy.edu) and April Cunningham (acunningham@saddleback.edu).

7. **Upcoming meetings and programs**

Spring Program, June 19th, Occidental College, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Next SCIL Business Meeting in September 2009, location TBA

8. **Round Robin**

Melanie Sellar, Marymount College-- CARL-DIAL South Spring Program Friday May 29, 2009 9am-1:30pm, USC, "*The Importance of First: Understanding the Needs and Experiences of First-Generation College Students*" Registration form-- http://carl-acrl.org/ig/dials/DIAL_Reg_Form_2009-1.pdf

Robin Lockesby , National University—is the chair-elect for the distance learning section of ACRL; one of the friendliest and most supporting groups; please join if you're interested in distance education; Central Michigan does a workshop; also, there is a call for papers. The ACRL Instruction Section is reviewing submissions for their research panel program at ALA Annual in Chicago.

Stephanie Rosenblatt, CSU Fullerton—At ALA Annual in Chicago, on Sunday July 12, Transitions to College Committee for LIRT will have a brown bag discussion based on "Rethinking College Readiness," by David T. Conley, in the Spring 2008 issue of The New England Journal of Higher Education.

9. **Adjournment**

Minutes recorded by Gayatri Singh