

IHEAA Minutes April 23rd, 2021, Online Meeting

Attendees:

Patricia Belleville
Mac McAvoy
Denise Sief
Al Shull
G.E. Colpitt
Charles Boone
Glenn Bodish
Stephany Rimland
Sara De Neal
Martine Stuckey
Eric Tucker
Heather Weber

Agenda and Minutes:

1. **Greetings and introductions:** Al Shull Co-Chair gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda. G. Bodish moved to accept the agenda and M. McAvoy seconded to the motion.
Attendees introduced themselves to everyone.
2. **Recruitment of new members and colleges:** Patricia Belleville said she was updating the email list and checking colleges and universities for faculty changes. It was suggested that the group develop a short, impactful email to introduce what the organization does and their focus for email to new members. Chuck Boone gave a short history of the organization, starting in the 1970's. There was a short discussion of AP credit and Dual credit classes, teacher requirements and possible avenues to impact change. The possibilities of partnerships with high schools and assessments to help create a more prepared student.
3. **The new working [PDF for dues](#):** Al Shull shared the new PDF for dues, and he feels it works very well. Colleges can fill it in online and mail in the dues form. Several colleges have asked for our W-9 forms. Denise Seif said the treasurer report was the same as it was for the fall.

4. **Jeff Boshart:** Jeff Boshart is dying of advanced cancer in multiple organs. The group decided to do a collection to donate to an organization of Jeff's choice.
5. **IAI art panel will be looking over our course revamping:** The courses for the IAI (Illinois Articulations Initiative) have been revamped and the IAI will look at the new course descriptors to submit to the IAI panel. Some schools have a checklist that we need to look at as a group to develop for colleges to use for courses. The IAI has a time limit for panel membership. Al Shull is the representative for the IHEAA. The IHEAA works out the problems with courses; the IAI looks at the courses and approves them. Al Shull explained the workings of the IAI panel. Al said he is seeing more involvement of four-year institutions on the panel.

We need more IHEAA people on the IAI panel. Stephany Rimland is one of the IAI panel members.

The IAI recognizes four art courses for transfer, 2D Design, 3D Design, Drawing I and Drawing II. The Art History I and II courses are listed with the Humanities and is approved by the Humanities panel. The course descriptors are on the old website but do not seem to be on the new website. Al will see if Nate can move these over to the new website.

6. **The [SIC letter of support](#):** Al shared the letter of support Michael McAvoy wrote from the IHEAA to the Board of Trustee Members. The art area at SIC has been cut. There are four community colleges in southern Illinois, and we discussed the other community colleges that have cut their art programs.

7. Topics:

- a. **Quality of education now: [Time Life article The Lost Year:](#)**

We discussed the past year and how it is and will affect the enrollment at community colleges. The article seems to suggest community colleges will be hit the hardest. What will happen with the post-pandemic college students? Will the high school students

come to college less prepared? Have online classes been structured enough to prepare students for the rigors of four-year institutions? Or will it have an impact on the skills they need to develop? Are professors going to have to play catch up?

- b. **Student Expectations – Administration’s expectations:** We discussed the administrations expectations for students vs. the expectations of the professors. Each college had a different approach to what the administration wanted from the students.
- c. **Digital beginning courses- start discussion- presentation next meeting:** We discussed the type of skills that students needed to get from a Digital Art class. What are the various needs for a digital art class? Can we set a list of criteria for digital media courses? Should digital media courses be a part of the AFA (Associates of Fine Arts) degree?. Students going into art education need not only basic Photoshop and Illustrator skills, but also photography, video and possibly some kind of motion graphics work. We discussed what could be covered in a Digital Art course in reasonable depth. Next meeting the group will discuss this topic more in depth.
- d. **Fall of 2021 meeting place, date, and time:** We need a four-year institution to volunteer to host the IHEAA meeting. Then we need a possible time and date for the meeting.
- e. **Elections:** Currently we need elections for a secretary as Dr. Patricia Belleville will be retiring this year. Stephany Rimland volunteered. Her job responsibilities were discussed. She was voted in unanimously. In the fall, other positions will come up for elections.

8. **Adjournment:** Al Shull adjourned the meeting.