

AAHSL Teaching / Learning Oversight Committee

**2009 Report
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T/LOC continues to pursue the action items detailed in the implementation plan posted on the AAHSL website. The AAHC/AAMIA grant proposal for development of a multi-disciplinary informatics curriculum is being shopped to several potential funding agencies, but otherwise there is no action to report on this project.

On March 24, 2009 several AAHSL representatives met at AAMC with GEA officer Brownie Anderson for a very productive conversation on several aspects of collaborative work. Notes from that meeting have been distributed to various AAHSL leaders as appropriate. Anderson has been helpful in establishing communication with the RIME national steering committee, which resulted in agreement that the work of the AAHSL Education Research Task Force would be furthered by preparing a short list of potential research questions for collaborative pursuit by AAHSL and RIME. To this end, draft questions have been written and Rick Forsman will participate in a short discussion/feedback session on these questions during the RIME business meeting in Boston in November.

The meeting with Anderson also generated more communication between the LiME/AAHSL Joint Task Force and the MERC program steering committee on development of an online module with targeted informatics competencies. Forsman attended the steering committee meeting in August to strengthen the collaborative relationship and to obtain feedback on the outline of the module prepared by the joint task force. AAMC has decided to host the online module via its MedEd Portal software, meaning it will be accessible by more than just MERC program enrollees. Through ongoing communication with Anderson, AAHSL received the business plan for the MERC program and other background information that assists us in understanding how AAHSL can best play an appropriate role in its support.

Anderson asked for assistance in locating local instructors and computer labs to support regional MERC workshops, and LiME has agreed to take on this task, which will raise visibility. Anderson also invited AAHSL to help craft questions on a forthcoming survey regarding regional medical campuses, and subsequently Connie Poole and Gary Byrd reviewed the survey and created additional questions that were forwarded to Anderson.

Over the summer AAMC released a document entitled *AAMC/AACN Lifelong Learning in Medicine and Nursing Conference Report*, and President Julia Sollenberger submitted comments after discussion with T/LOC. Sollenberger acknowledged the key role of informatics competencies described in the report

and pointed out the areas where librarians play a key role and where AAHSL might assist in this important endeavor.

T/LOC met on May 17th at the MLA annual meeting in Hawaii and agreed the implementation plan will need to be updated to reflect ongoing action, new items, and items that can be reworded or deleted from the plan. T/LOC will meet again at the AAMC fall meeting.

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