

Report  
Campus Coordinators Meeting  
Feb. 13, 2009  
Illinois State University

1. Enrollment data was reported for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009
  - a. Fall 2008 had 7 students taking 7 courses/enrollments
  - b. Spring 2009 had 7 students taking 8 courses
2. The courses to be offered for Summer 09 and Fall 09 is being determined and verified by member institutions. Those numbers will be reported to the Board of Directors on March 23, 2009.
3. The agenda was modified to discuss the future of the Alliance. The following is a summary from the discussion
  - a. 5 of the 6 attending member institutions were optimistic about the future of the Alliance.
  - b. The use of the term Homeland Security is questionable. We might want to consider changing that title or eliminating the title altogether. The alternative could be Illinois IDEA.
  - c. Marketing is a big issue. In fact, the question came up: Is there a market for Homeland Security certificates or minors? Additionally, the question was raised as to whether marketing ought to be centralized and strengthened. People also asked for a paper brochure that could be handed out promoting the Alliance and making it more real for people. Going to a web site may not be enough. A strategy suggested by GSU (Veronica Williams) is to go to military conferences where educational institutions assemble to facilitate military personnel getting into post-secondary education. She thinks that could be a boon for us. She will be attending a session this summer.
  - d. The course approval process is a complex process and continues to affect the on-going development of the Alliance.
  - e. Strengthening connections with academic advisors on each campus could help with marketing
  - f. Campus coordinators feel that their position on campus needs to be empowered by the Board Representative in order to do their job.
  - g. It was recommended that the faculty vita should be put on the web site associated with the courses they teach since it is difficult for advisors and students to be confident that a course taught at another university will be taught by a qualified person
4. It was recommended that the campus coordinator at the lead institution develop a ListServ for communication purposes. It was also suggested that we explore using the Skype technology to meet more often. It was agreed that each member would explore that technology and sign up for that process.

5. Joint Session of Faculty and Campus Coordinators included reports on morning session including discussion about the major issues discussed under item 3 above. (See the Faculty Meeting Minutes for details.) Additionally, there was discussion about the possibility of the Alliance offering a certificate that wouldn't be officially sanctioned by any agency but it would indicate that a student had completed a set of courses, a concentration in a track area. There was also talk about using the term community in our discussions. In other words, the focus of homeland security is community based because that is where the issues reside and that is where the problems occur. Homeland security sounds more national.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2009.