

**Illinois IDEA HS Faculty Team Meeting**  
**13 February 2009**

**Participants**

CSU: Moussa Ayyash, Robin Benny, Sylvia Gist  
GSU: Karen D'Arcy, Steve Shih  
ISU: Jan Murphy, Steve Perry, Klaus Schmidt  
NIU: Marilyn, Bellert, Jim Leon, Mary Pritchard, Gail Williams  
SIU-E: Roger MacLean  
WIU: Hal Marchand, Bill McCamey, Nancy Parsons

Mary Pritchard convened the meeting at 9:35 and participants introduced themselves.

**Status of Alliance Operations**

After review of previous work and the status of the grant through 10/09, Mary Pritchard reviewed the status of this year's Alliance operations.

- Enrollments: Fall 08 – 7 students completed Alliance courses  
Spring 09 – 7 students taking 8 Alliance courses
- Course Offerings 2009-2010  
Decisions on course offerings are needed immediately, so that courses can be listed where students can see them. Faculty team members will send updates by email to Alan Robinson.
- Assessment of courses to ensure students meet the Alliance learning outcomes is on hold pending additional funding.
- Course approval at member institutions needs further attention at partner institutions.  
NIU approved all Alliance courses as workshops.  
WIU approved most the Alliance computer science courses.  
CSU is working to find academic homes for Alliance courses.  
ISU needs syllabi and course descriptions; available at the website; the Foundations Course has been approved through the full curricular process at ISU  
GSU expects to get approvals for the next academic year.

**Development of Homeland Security certificates/minors at member institutions**

At the July meeting, the Alliance faculty team built a template for certificate tracks or minors that was based on a model created for IBHE in 2005. Homeland security certificates on the IBHE model must go through campus approval processes but do not require IBHE approval.

Faculty team members will take proposed template for undergraduate certificates/minors and graduate certificates back to their campuses to help in designing their certificates/minors. See updated template, which now shows one core course.

**Plan for rotating courses to meet the needs of the certificates/minors**

All institutions were asked to update their course offerings and to plan for a three year rotation. Frequency of offerings may be adjusted due to demands by new certificate students.

### **Update on alignment of course objectives with Alliance Student Learning Outcomes**

The form needs to be sent to all Alliance instructors, so that the course objectives and outcomes can be verified. These were sent to campus coordinators earlier.

### **Old Business**

- a. Etiquette and orientation – NIU will add online readiness tools to website. GSU will send URLs for its tools, which will also be posted.
- b. Course outlines posted on campus websites – All members were asked to add IDEA HS and especially Alliance courses to their own websites.
- c. Description of marketing efforts being prepared for Board of Directors will be sent to Faculty Team members. Faculty Team members can use the marketing information to market courses on their campuses.

### **Joint Meeting RE: Certificates and Minors**

At 12:30, Campus Coordinators joined the Faculty Team to share work done during the morning and discuss the prospects for certificates.

- Alan Robinson reported on discussion of viability of the Alliance. Five of six universities present feel positive about the Alliance and its potential. Good foundation of support.
- Primary issue: term “homeland security” seems to be getting in the way. Need to consider alternatives. Mary Pritchard suggested that campuses discuss alternatives and report back. Participants suggested a community focus and also suggested falling back on Illinois IDEA.
- Marketing:
  - Request for paper handouts to be used on member campuses
  - On campus – presentations to faculty senate and to student governments
  - Offer through Board of Trustees degrees
  - Need to provide information on prerequisites for marketing and Expansis
- Course approval remains an issue. A list of courses showing offerings over the next several years would help with course approval.

Ruth Williams asked how the Alliance would market certificates and certificate tracks if the curricula are different on various campuses. She wondered whether certificate and certificate tracks might be competitors with a limited pool of students. Sylvia Gist responded that a Corporate Safety track at CSU might emphasize the urban setting, while WIU might emphasized a more rural setting. While informal needs assessments have been done, they have not been done systematically or targeted on the various potential certificate tracks and should be done within a university’s service area. An alternative is for a smaller group of institutions to commit to a certificate track with a common curricula.

### **Update on Illinois IDEA HS website and clearinghouse**

Nancy Parsons (WIU) demonstrated features on the clearinghouse site, which now includes simulations of a middle school shooting threat that covers all seven learning outcomes.

**Summer Meeting** will be scheduled for June 5 or 12