

MINUTES

Meeting of the Information Center Committee carried out on **Tuesday, November 16, 2010** at the Training Hall of the Mexicali Campus Library.

ATTENDEES: Guillermo Castro, Alberto Gárate, Jessica Ibarra, Fernando León, Luis Linares, Ángel Montañez, Marco Peña, Sergio Rebollar, Armando Robles, Jorge Rocha, Raúl Rodríguez, Federico Sada, Miguel Salinas, Cristina Sánchez, Gabriela Sonntag,

Presiding: Enrique Carmona Yglesias

DEALT ISSUES:

1. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The minutes were approved.

2. FOLLOW-UP AGREEMENTS.

No agreements taken.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE TOPIC: ACADEMY-LIBRARY LINKAGE PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATIONAL SKILLS IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM STUDENTS.

Alberto Gárate started the presentation mentioning how the informational competencies are present in the 2020 CETYS Plan as well as in the WASC recommendations. Armando Robles described the linkage Project with the academy by highlighting that it was carried out in two face-to-face sessions of 2 hours each with a group of Professor Luis Linares of 22 students from the third semester of the College of Business and Administration. The topic they worked on was climate change. The learning objective proposed was to elicit the student to define the most ideal search strategies for locating the specific and pertinent information according to the topic chosen, so they can make a proper use of them. The learning outcome was the preparation of an academic essay with a minimum of ten pages about climate change and the role of university students before this environmental problem.

Starting from the results of the Project, the following recommendations were brought up: a) To work this experience with a college course next semester, and with courses of axis I or axis II (less specialized courses), b) To diversify the didactical strategy (student work program), c) To establish better criteria for developing the experience (more time, better selection of information resources, among others), and d) To maintain the collaboration relation between librarians and the academy for the evaluation of the sources of information.

The President mentioned that it was a good pilot test, and that the colleges must choose the courses for applying the program on 2011. He also mentioned that the program must be applied at a system wide level, and that the colleges must decide if the courses are from axis one, two, or three, but it must be through the curricular design once the experimental stage finishes.

4. REMODELING AND CREATION OF THE CENTER OF RESOURCES FOR LEARNING AND RESEARCH (CRAI) AT THE TIJUANA CAMPUS LIBRARY.

Raúl Rodríguez explained that the remodeling complies with the WASC recommendations for the library: a) To increase physical spaces and the use of technology, b) To foster the professionalization of its personnel, and its integration into academic life, c) To boost the research and information culture, and d) To increase the collection of books. Armando Robles mentioned that the Center of Resources for Learning and Research (CRAI) is a space within the library, and its main objective is knowledge and the application of information and communication technologies in teaching and learning of the academic community. Jessica Ibarra, Director of the Tijuana campus, pointed out that a donation of US\$400,000 dollars was given by the Fimbres Astiazarán family, which will allow finishing the library remodeling (phase 2) that includes the CRAI and the administrative area; the phase 1 of the remodeling project was carried out in 2009 with an investment of US\$74,889 dollars. The work started on November 9, and we estimate it to be complete by the end of January of 2011. Enrique Carmona asked if the entire project was contemplated for the 2020 Plan, and Jessica gave him a positive response.

5. GENERAL ISSUES.

Alberto Gárate mentioned that Jorge Ortega won the “Jaime Sabines” International Poetry Award which means a major accomplishment for this professor of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. He added that the presentation of the book *Memoria de muchos soles. La vida de Mario Hernández Maytorena (Memory of many suns. The life of Mario Hernández Maytorena)* is scheduled for December 2.