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Illinois Higher Education Art Association

IHEAA Spring Meeting McHenry CC Friday, April 16,2004

Treasurer's Report

Balance from last statement - \$3,459.10

Deposits - \$515.00

Expenses - \$300.00

Balance this statement - \$3,674.10

Minutes of fall meeting at -

Dominican University Friday, October 10, 2003

A warm welcome was extended to the 23 participants by Francis Steiner in the campus library. The minutes of the spring meeting and the treasurer's report were distributed. L. Gregory moved, and it was seconded to accept the treasurer's report and the minutes. Approved.

Old Business -

The meeting began with a discussion concerning the proposed guidelines for Photography I & II. Alconcern was voiced as to not drawing differences between traditional processes (wet) and digital processes. The concept was to give equal footing to both photographic approaches. It was felt that the digital approach should also contain some discussion of traditional processes. (and vice-a versa) There seemed to be a range of approaches to photography instruction between different institutions, with some being more traditional in approach, others being a mixture of traditional and digital and others being totally digital. A motion to approve the drafts of Photography I with corrections was made and approved. Discussion followed on Photography II, mainly concerning the course description. The question of having color as a requirement of Photography II in the course description was raised. It was felt that the purpose of the course description was to allow flexibility for the requirement of color. A motion to accept the course description was made and approved.

The attention of the meeting then shifted to Painting II. Painting II should be a continuation of Painting I. It should have a stronger emphasis on compositional elements and more concern regarding the development of personal ideas and direction. (direction – work that exhibits the ability to work in a visually coherent series) There was discussion of oil and acrylic processes. (I didn't get notes on the outcome) There was also concern voiced over safety issues.

Francis Steiner of Visual Resources at Dominican University raised the question of the impact of technology on visual resources. The need for digital projectors, digital cameras and digital images rather than 35mm slides. The increasing use of digital technology in the teaching of art history, as well as other art courses. It was brought up that students, or someone, steals the bulbs from digital projectors – they cost about \$425. The bulb is also very hot and can explode. There was discussion of problems relating to the use of digital presentations: resolution, storage, accessibility to faculty/students, standardization of a database, etc. There was also the question of copyright. The legal ramifications of issues in this area might serve as a future topic to explore. It was discussed that images from the internet should contain the URL. It was also stated that some schools require password protection if slides are converted to digital and then the digital image is then provided to the students outside of the normal classroom presentation. Debora Rindge (apologies for any misspelling), spoke about Kodak's decision to discontinue the production of slide projectors and accessories in 2004. She mentioned a web site that provides resources concerning digital. (www.vraweb.org)

Lunch break -

A discussion about Graphic Design I & II took place following lunch. Both were approved by the IAI, but several schools have reacted saying they were unable to accept one or both of these courses. A motion was made to support the current wording that was approved by IAI. Motion passed.

New Business -

The spring 2004 meeting will be hosted by McHenry CC in Crystal Lake. There will be a board meeting on Thursday night. The Friday meeting will consider Fiber I & II. The fall 2004 meeting will be at Western Illinois University in Macomb and re-visit Printmaking I & II.

Board elections resulted in Jeff Boshart and Jane Haley (janehaley@kanakee.edu) being elected to represent the 4 year and 2 year institutions. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm. A tour of Dominican's art department followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed dettinger, Secretary/Treasurer