



VALE Assessment Committee Annual Report, 2009

Part 1: Roster of Members

Jeanne Boyle (Chair), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Anne Ciliberti (Executive Committee Liaison), William Paterson University
Benjamin F. Fisher, Rowan University
Marianne Gaunt (Executive Committee Liaison), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Judy Jeng, New Jersey City University
Jia Mi, The College of New Jersey
Richard E. Stern, Seton Hall University

Part 2: Summary of achievements during the past year

The Assessment Committee sponsored a successful LibQUAL results meeting in October 2008 with eleven people from eight participating institutions. Each institution presented their overall results and how they were used. Participants did not find the questions asked in common particularly useful since each library type had few peers with which to compare themselves. Normative comparisons for community colleges made available after the meeting by Mark Thompson were well received. The materials presented at the meeting are located on the committee website:
<http://www.valenj.org/newvale/about/committee/assessment/>.

Judy Cohn consulted Jeanne Boyle about a survey for Members' Council based on the future challenges in Marianne Gaunt's key note address at the January users' meeting. Survey questions that would reveal priorities were discussed.

The committee's revised charge was approved by the executive committee

Part 3: Issues to be considered further

The committee needs to work on determining direction for moving forward since most of its projects are undertaken at the Executive Committee's direction. The committee identified by email several promising projects, and they are available for action. The Committee also needs to consider if there should be ongoing follow-up to the 2007 assessment survey and if LibQUAL coordination should occur each year.

Part 4: Recommended objective for the next fiscal year

Ask via the VALE list for broader involvement in proposed assessment projects and ask the executive committee if any assessment information will be needed.

Part 5: Statement of resources desired/needed

If the Committee develops a forum about assessment instruments, travel, honoraria, and refreshments might be needed. Otherwise, no particular resources are needed unless the Executive Council charges the Assessment Committee with a particular task that requires travel, honoraria, etc.