

BELIZE/U.S. CONSORTIUM
MINUTES
Saturday, June 10, 1989

PRESENT: Betty Flinchum (Co-Chair), Colville Young (Co-Chair), Dorian Barrow, Joseph Belisle, Harold Bergsma, Angel Cal, Galino Canto, Carlos Castillo, Sylvia Catouse, Bill Felker, Austin Flores, Tracy Harrington, Otis King, Robert Malone, Robert Paynes, John Peterson, Ernest Raymond, Pritchly Smith, Winfred Swift, Cynthia Thompson, Bruce Wagner, George Walker, Bruce Wiggins, Sylvano Woods, Peggy Wright.

Dr. Betty Flinchum, Co-chair of the Belize/U.S. Consortium, opened the meeting with a request for Dr. George Walker to provide information regarding arrangements for special events planned for consortium members. Dr. Walker announced that the Choral Concert at Bliss Institute will begin at 7:30 p.m., that the UCB Van will pick up consortium members at the Ft. George Hotel at 3:15 for Sunday's UCB dedication ceremony. Two day trips to separate Maya ruins have been arranged by Ernest Raymond for Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Arrangements to visit Caye Caulker may also be arranged. Thanking Dr. Walker for hosting the previous evening's social event, Dr. Flinchum directed the consortium members to the business agenda by calling for input from consortium members regarding issues relevant to the standing committees.

Peggy Wright (MSU) suggested that publications by faculty in the consortium, particularly those publications about Belize, be established as a special collection in the UCB Library. In addition, she presented a proposal for the establishment of a Telefacsimile Network System in the UCB Library. These suggestions were noted by Dr. Flinchum and referred to the Publication/Media Committee for consideration.

Bill Felker (CSU) presented draft articulation agreements (attached) between Central State University and University College of Belize. He recommended that these agreements regarding student exchange programs be reviewed as models by member institutions in the consortium. Dr. Flinchum noted Dr. Felker's recommendation and referred it to the Committee on Faculty Development and Student Exchange.

Harold Bergsma (NMSU) reviewed the status of New Mexico State University's programs in Belize. Eleven Belizian teachers have completed their degree programs at NMSU and will receive \$400 per year to upgrade their professional libraries; three U.S. students will student teach in Belize through NMSU's International Student Teaching Program. REEF, and agricultural program, was also briefly described. It was also suggested that an ERIC System be established at UCB and that a committee should study the delivery of courses.

Dr. Otis King (TSU) described Texas Southern University's proposal for an Affiliation Program that will provide for TSU and UCB faculty exchange.

Pritchly Smith described his intention to seek funding from private

foundations for consortium funding and for an ongoing research project with Ernest Raymond, Chief Education Officer, to explore the development of a plan for educational and economic development in Belize.

Austin Flores (EC) requested that a list of names and addresses of all consortium members and institutions be distributed as soon as possible.

Dr. Flinchum gave instructions to committees regarding their work tasks. Each committee will meet twice. The first meeting should center upon brainstorming future projects and activities regarding each committee's area of responsibility. The whole group will reconvene for a brief reporting session. Committees will reconvene for a second meeting to establish a short list of prioritized objectives and projects, noting persons responsible for follow-up. A brief oral presentation from each committee chair will follow and a final written committee report will be submitted to Pritchey Smith for attachment to minutes of the meeting.

Final committee reports are attached.

Dr. Flinchum summarized the morning's activities and noted that the following four items will be forwarded by mail to consortium members:

1. List of names and addresses of consortium representatives
2. Memorandum of Agreement
3. Consortium Minutes for Friday, June 9 Meeting
4. Consortium Minutes for Saturday, June 10 Meeting

Following concluding remarks, Dr. Flinchum accepted a motion for adjournment from Otis King, seconded by Pritchey Smith.

Dr. Flinchum thanked participants for a productive, full morning of interaction and adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.