

Executive Director Report

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1. Fund Raising

- a) We received \$10000 from the Arnold and Blema Steinberg Family Foundation.
- b) The McCall MacBain Foundation indicated that it would accept applications from AWBC for funding projects at the University of Liberia. We have applied for funding for two projects both in eLearning. One is a Needs Assessment of the possibilities and needs for eLearning courses at UL and the other is for setting up two experimental eLearning courses, one in English and the other in mathematics for incoming students.
- c) Jonathan Rose has generously made available his home in Toronto on April 19th, just before our Board committee meetings on April 20th, for a Friend Raising Cocktail Party. Yu-ling Cheng, John Stewart and Michelle Dupuis are assisting with organizing it.

2. Book Keeping

There has been a delay in bringing our books up to date. Our accountant, Henri-Paul Jacques, had other commitments in February and had to put aside his work for AWBC. I have hired Richard King to replace him. Our books should be up to date by the third week in March.

3. Staff

Genevieve Gagnon will be working pro bono for AWBC doing our travel arrangements. Conzolo Migliozi will be an Institutional Manager for the University of Liberia dividing the work with Arch Ritter.

4. Projects

- a) Michael Keating is currently on placement at the University of Liberia doing a Needs Assessment on eLearning at the University.
- b) Ozay Mehmet has completed his assignment for the second phase of the *Research Methodology Project*.
- c) We have engaged two volunteers, Simone Santini from Spain and Jean-Charles Lamirel from France to offer courses in computer science at the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology at the University of Cape Coast (UCC), Ghana. It is a continuation of our project to assist the Department to set up a graduate programme in computer science and information technology.
- d) Lisa Fisher is now on assignment at UIN Suka where she will assist the University in making its library accessible to disabled students.

- e) The Jigme Namgyel Polytechnic, which is part of the Royal University of Bhutan, has engaged Habib Rahman from BCIT in Canada and will choose another AWBC volunteer to assist it in upgrading teaching in its Department of Civil Engineering.