ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REPORT
AND
STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE
Year: 2007

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Section 1. Goals and Accomplishments

Goal 1: Acquire additional Endowments to supplement those already in place. Existing Endowments: The Charles Sanders Peirce Interdisciplinary Professorship (provides salary support for the Institute Director who is also Peirce Professor); The Claude Ventry Bridges Memorial Endowment for Peirce Studies (provides general assistance to the Institute under the Director's oversight).

- The Bridges Memorial Endowment (including associated interest earnings account) as of 14 March 2008, stands at $65,217, a nice increase over last year's total.
- The Hardwick Memorial Endowment (including associated interest earnings account) as of 14 March 2008, stands at $68,972, which is substantial progress.
- The Institute employed 6 talented student assistants during 2007: Keys, Butterfield, Morris, Ratzer, Robertson, Hebert.

Goal 2: Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property. (a) Develop a corporation to allow for commercialization of intellectual property arising from Institute research (proceeds from these properties would be handled by this corporation, with the Institute, as well as the University and the College of Arts and Sciences receiving appropriate shares); (b) encourage and facilitate development of successful and profitable intellectual property/patents.

- We put a good deal of time into the effort of commercializing our patent (6,819,474), especially under a Teaming Agreement worked out with Alion Science and Technology Inc. Alion personnel and Institute/TTU personnel made a serious effort to interest DOD in the idea, but no success. So we have re-configured our efforts, in light of the good news about elevation of the Office of Technology Transfer to TTU System status. Working with David Miller, the new Director, we have formulated new approaches which we continue to pursue with help and encouragement from University officials.

Goal 3: Community Service. Through service activities of individual staff members, through research projects involving or impacting served communities, or through increased accessibility of our collection using information technologies, we will increase our already significant community service.

- Cunningham continued to teach (fall and spring semesters 2007) Theories of Knowledge, the capstone class in the International Baccalaureate program at Lubbock High School. In this effort he has been assisted by counsel and support from Institute members. A few years ago, when the IB program was instituted at LHS, LISD literally had no personnel prepared to offer this course. Cunningham, with backing from TTU College of A&S and support from the Institute, has been very successful in providing this major community service. All along, he has been interested in helping a replacement from LISD/LHS become qualified to present the course. This aspect of the plan may soon succeed.

Goal 4: Academic Program. Create a master's-level academic program for the Institute.

- The continued growth in our endowments will bring closer the time when we can offer scholarships to support one or more students in our Master's degree program in Peirce Studies. This program (Peirce Studies) has been prepared through the Interdisciplinary Master's degree plan (TTU Graduate School) but has not yet served any students,
- Our individual studies courses, PRAG 4000 (undergraduate) and PRAG 5000 (graduate) each had a couple of students during the reporting period.

Goal 5: Collection Development. Continue acquisition of relevant book and manuscript collections.

- The following dollar value of books were added to our collection during 2007: within the George Zournas collection - $10,500; through TTU Library funds - $6,000; through the Roberta Kevelson collection - $2,500; from the library of Clyde Hendrick - $1,000. Total dollar value of items added to collection in 2007 - $20,000.

Goal 6: Interdisciplinary Research and Education. Continue the Institute's distinguished record of Interdisciplinary Research.

- R.G. Beil Ph.D. (Institute Member, Physics). Worked on commercialization of patent 6,819,474.
- R.G. Beil Ph.D. (Institute Member, Physics). Working with McLaughlin (as editor) on preparation of publication of Beil's several articles on theoretical physics.
- E. Bisanz Ph.D. (Institute Member, Bildeswissenschaften). Developed a workshop and symposium discussion on scientific...
aspects of art at Leuphana Universitaet, Germany.

- C. Hendrick Ph.D. (Associate Director, Psychology). Continued his scholarship in psychology with Susan S. Hendrick. In particular, their video clip on the family in the PBS series "The State of Tomorrow" reflects well on Texas Tech University, The Department of Psychology, and the Institute for Studies in Pragmaticism.
- K.L. Ketner Ph.D. (Director, Philosophy). Invited by the Leuphana University Lueneburg (Germany) to present a course entitled: POWER-LAB BILDWISSENSCHAFT (AN INTENSIVE LABORATORY COURSE IN THE SCIENCE ASPECT OF IMAGES), 19-21 November 2007 (6 hours per day). The evening of 19 November featured a PODIUMDISKUSSSION (A SYMPOSIUM INVOLVING LEADING SPEAKERS AND STRONG AUDIENCE DISCUSSION) for two hours involving Professor Krois from Humboldt University (Berlin) and Ketner, concerning Scientific Aspects of Art.
- K.L. Ketner Ph.D. (Director, Philosophy). Consultant to Institute for American Thought at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis, concerning their grant proposal entitled: PEIRCE, SCIENCE, RELIGION AND THE FUTURE, January 2007.
- K.L. Ketner Ph.D. (Director, Philosophy). Referee for TRANSACTIONS OF THE CHARLES S. PEIRCE SOCIETY, for essay entitled "Peirce’s Contribution to American Cryptography."
- K.L. Ketner Ph.D. (Director, Philosophy). Assistance to three pre-doctoral students in the School of Nursing at TTUHSC concerning development of their logical abilities to the level required in their doctoral studies; these efforts are in effect individualized semester classes tailored to each student’s situation and need.
- R. McDonnell Ph.D. (Institute Member, Literature). Continued working on an edition of the correspondence between G. Harris MD (Psychiatry) and Walker Percy MD (the well-known American novelist who was strongly influenced by Peirce) from Institute manuscript resources in our papers from Dr. Harris.
- T.M. McLaughlin Ph.D. (Institute Member, Mathematics). "Minimal Freedom and Collapsibility for Computable Ultrapowers," article under submission to the MATHEMATICAL LOGIC QUARTERLY.
Section 2. Universal Quantitative Data

There are no Universal Quantitative Data for this area/unit.
## Section 3a. Quantitative Information

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There is No Area Specific Data in Fiscal Year Section.
Section 3b. Qualitative Information.

There is no qualitative information for the current year.
Commentary:

There is no commentary for the current year.

Implementation Plan:

There is no implementation plan for the current year.