

**SUNYLA EXECUTIVE BOARD/COUNCIL MEETING
SUNY CORTLAND
MARCH 18, 2005**

In attendance: B. Cromwell (Alfred Ceramics); A. Davies (Cobleskill); B. Drew (Morrisville); K. Ferington (Niagara); R. Foster (SUNYIT); E. Gulacsy (Alfred Ceramics); A. Gunning (Nylink); M. Herbert (Potsdam); N. Howe (NY3Rs); C. Laier (Schenectedy); E. McCabe (Cortland); A. Perry (Binghamton); J. Petrick (Alfred State); K. Pitcher (Broome); K. Quinlivan (University at Buffalo); J. Schumacher (OLIS); K. Shockey (Oswego); H. Sternberg (Buffalo State); Caryl Ward (Binghamton); Angela Weiler (Onondaga); M. Wildman (Cortland).

Distribution of booklets: Prior to the meeting, President Ellen McCabe distributed pamphlets received from CUNY entitled *Climbing the Ladder of Success for Library Faculty in the City University of New York*. Delegates were asked to take a copy for each Library.

1. Approval of Minutes: There were several corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. After they were noted, April Davies moved to accept them and Bill Drew seconded. Council then approved the minutes.

2. Announcements, correspondence, appointments: Morrisville: A new campus building in Norwich (with a library) will open in May or June. Morrisville is also working with Syracuse EOC (Economic Opportunity Center) to open a sub-library to their library. Morrisville's blog is up and running through their web page. SUNYLA: Dan Kissane's mother sent a thank you note for the donations to Milne Library in Dan's memory. Monroe CC: Sal Amchondo passed away in December. An announcement concerning his replacement is forthcoming. Cobleskill: STP'd last week. A new adjunct librarian has started, and the campus has received additional funding. Buffalo State: Two retirements have been announced, the Archivist and an Associate Director. Potsdam: The search has been completed for the Instruction/CD librarian, who will start in July. Cortland: Dan Holmes has been hired as Library Instruction Coordinator. Oswego: Three searches are underway. BCC: The search for a Systems Librarian has been reopened. Binghamton: Susan Currie has been hired as Associate Director for Public Services.

3. Officer's Reports

3.1 President- Ellen McCabe

**State University of New York Librarians Association
President's Report
March 18, 2005**

As we are trudging through what is supposed to be the precursors of spring, but which act more like winter, I have been wondering if we need more than four seasons. My son told me of a conversation overheard in an elevator: a non-English speaking person was arguing with his friend that there were five seasons: winter, spring, summer, autumn and fall! This may not be the breakdown I would choose; I was thinking of something like: Winter, late winter, pre-spring, almost spring, etc. At any rate, I think we are ready for the equinox this Sunday.

Plans for the conference seem to be going well. The planned keynote speaker has a varied background, which would seem to address many of our work areas. Plans for housing, meals, etc. are in place and sound excellent. Please encourage new librarians at your workplace to apply for the Sylvia Chu Scholarships offered for first time attendees. Applications are due by April 11, 2005. Details are available at the SUNYLA website: <http://sunyla.org/>

As you have heard via E-mail, legislative efforts continue in Albany until a final budget is in place. There will be a library advocacy day on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, if you can make it. There are also many opportunities to E-mail or call your senators and representatives. John Schumacher will fill us in on the details.

Last week I attended a meeting of the SUNY Connect Advisory Council (SAC), where they were trying to put the finishing touches on a final draft of the SAC Strategic Five-year plan. We also saw a demonstration of Ex Libris Universal Borrowing Center. This is just a demonstration model, using records downloaded from three SUNY libraries. It is not ready for prime time, but now may be the time to begin addressing its impact in your library. For instance, will universal borrowing be handled by Interlibrary Loan or Circulation? This is just one of many questions we will be dealing with in the future.

In addition to incorporating universal borrowing, the SAC Strategic Five-year plan includes such items as: create a holistic staffing model for SUNY libraries; develop a strong SUNY-wide digital collection; implement SUNY-wide Collaborative Collection Development and Management; stabilize and increase funding for SUNY Connect while ending subsidies; among others. We will be asked for our feedback on this document by the annual meeting. Andy Perry can give you some more details.

As I was considering the office of Treasurer, which is up for reelection this year, I was struck by the fact that some of the duties attributed to the Treasurer under *A Manual of Duties and Responsibilities of Elected and Appointed Representatives of the State University of New York Librarians Association* [sic] may no longer be performed by the treasurer. I then noticed that there had been no revisions in this document since 1990. That's fifteen years ago! I propose that an ad hoc committee be set up to examine and revise said document.

Almost a year ago Judi Bird E-mailed me on the subject of salary equity for library faculty. This issue was brushed under the rug during the last contract negotiations, due to the state's budget. However, it certainly will be raising its ugly head again as we approach a new contract. Is this a subject that we would want to pursue, either through an ad hoc committee or under the auspices of one of our standing committees? We might want to have our "ducks in a row" before the next contract negotiations. Judi also E-mailed me in December that an ad hoc committee will be formed on the Future of SUNY. Does anyone know if librarians have been involved in this initiative?

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have responded to the Mentoring Survey that I sent out on the list in association with my sabbatical project. I will be sending it out one more time in hopes of hearing from some of the other SUNYs, however I would like to thank those who I have already heard from:

BCC
Cobleskill
Erie Community College-North
Erie Community College-South
Monroe Community College
Morrisville
North Country Community College
Oneonta
Onondaga
SUNYIT
TC3
Ulster
University at Buffalo
Westchester Community College

Happy equinox, primavera, printemps, spring to you all!

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. McCabe

Ellen spoke about this year's SUNYLA Conference Planning. She asked that delegates encourage new attendees to apply for the Sylvia Chu scholarship. Ellen mentioned that the SUNYLA manual contains some outdated manual and suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to revise it. Hilary Sternberg, Ron Foster and Elizabeth Gulacsy volunteered to work on revisions and ask for additional committee members. A discussion followed concerning UUP's ad hoc committee on the Future of SUNY. The committee's scope was questioned and whether librarians are involved. John Schumacher indicated that librarians were in fact represented. John then suggested a friendly amendment to Ellen's report indicating that much work has been done by SUNYLA concerning salary equity, an issue that had been "brushed under the rug" during the last negotiations. John Schumacher, Hilary Sternberg and Ron Foster said they would be willing to participate in a group revisiting the issue in anticipation of the next contract's negotiations. John commented on the importance of the salary surveys that SUNYLA has administered. He then moved on to comment about Aleph's Universal Borrowing feature. He explained that it is unmediated borrowing, not ILL, and that circulation should be involved in administering the program, not ILL. Further discussion followed concerning the logistics of universal borrowing, including workflow, staffing and LAND.

3.2 First Vice President- Bill Drew

Revised Report of First Vice President

I now have a full slate for election of officers for SUNYLA. Many thanks to our nominees.

Slate for Election:

1st Vice-President/President-Elect: Karen Coombs - Cortland
2nd Vice-President/conference Chair: Kim Davies - Geneseo
Treasurer: Elizabeth Gulacsy - College of Ceramics at Alfred University

Wilfred (Bill) Drew
1st Vice President, SUNYLA

Addendum to 1st Vice-President's Report

Many of you saw my message about professionalism in librarianship. I would like to make this a point of discussion for my term as President of SUNYLA. I would like to find ways for us as SUNY librarians to act on my seven points and to expand upon them as needed. I want to push this conversation at our meetings, at the annual conference, on our discussion groups, and in our libraries.

1. Willingness to help in a positive manner.
2. Participation in national, state, and local library organizations.
3. Publication in scholarly and popular journals in libraryland and beyond.
4. Participation in public discussion in ways that advance the profession.
5. Participation in continuing education (conferences, course work, independent reading/study).
6. Willingness to try new technologies and modes of communications.
7. Above all else, getting information to our patrons in a timely manner when and where they need it in the format they can use.

Bill commented that the ballots for next year's SUNYLA officers will go out in April. Anyone interested in running or nominating someone should forward the name to Bill Drew. Bill also said that the ad hoc committee to compile a SUNYLA conference manual is still working and that they would be happy to take on new members.

Ad Hoc committee on SUNYLA conference manual

This committee has not formally started yet. I have recruited the following people as members:

Bill Drew - Morrisville, drewwe@morrisville.edu
Debby Emerson - Rochester Regional Library Council, demerson@rrlc.org
April Davies - Cobleskill, daviesac@cobleskill.edu
Violet O.Price - SUNY Downstate Medical Center, violet.price@downstate.edu
Susan Kraat - New Paltz, kraats@newpaltz.edu
Lorraine Melita - Cortland, Lorraine Melita, lorraineM@em.cortland.edu
Colleen M. Kenefick - Stony Brook Health Sciences Center, ckenefick@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

If anyone else is interested, contact me via e-mail. I will set up a discussion list for this effort. I have set a deadline of September 2005 to come up with a final draft to present to the council.

3.2 Second Vice President – Violet Price

*Second Vice President – Violet O. Price
Conference Planning Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
March 18, 2005*

*SUNYLA 2005 Conference “**Libraries Without Borders: Taking It To the Streets.**”*

Update

- ❖ *Presenters for pre-conference, poster, and sessions have been notified as to their proposal acceptance. We currently have the following number of submissions:*
 - *Pre-Conference – 6*
 - *Full Conference – 18*
 - *Poster – 7*

Presenter(s) equipment needs and biographical sketches have been requested and are being compiled to be presented to the Local Arrangements Committee.

- ❖ *The Program Committee has secured the keynote speaker. She is Davida Scharf. **Ms. Scharf** - Director of Reference and Instructional Services at New Jersey Institute of Technology's Van Houten Library. She holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Columbia University. Davida, who has her BA from Barnard and library degree from Columbia University, and has a wide range of library experiences including having served as Director of the Engineering Societies Library and ESL Information Services, Manager of Corporate Planning at NYNEX Information Access Centers, copy cataloger at Columbia University, and as a self-employed consultant to a number of academic, public, and special libraries.*

- ❖ *From the Local Arrangements Committee...*
 - *Registration*

- *Program / Registration Form availability will be posted to the website shortly. The Program Committee will post the registration announcement to other listservs (SISP at Albany, ENY/ACRL , WNY/ACRL, Metro/ACRL, ALA, etc.) as soon as we receive word that the online forms are available.*
- *Deadline for around May 9, 2005*
- *\$50.00 for members / \$60.00 for non-members*
Registrants will receive bags that will have conference logo - sort of a longer tote than last year's, with two colors (black w/blue fabric inset) a Velcro closure and long handles
- *Accommodations are as follows:*
 - *Dorm Room rates are \$46 (single room - with linen packet) / \$36 (double room – with linen packet). 100 rooms have been reserved*
 - *Off campus – Two local motels have offered discounted pricing for the SUNYLA Conference (when making reservations registrants will need to identify themselves as SUNYLA members):*

Off campus housing cont'd

- *Super 8 Motel in New Paltz (845) 255-8865 – conference rate is \$58 per night (\$72 is the regular price)*
- *Super 8 Motel in Highland (845) 691-6888 – conference rate is \$85 per night (\$110 is the regular price)*
- *Vendor contacts – in total 150 letters were sent out to vendors for their participation during the conference (including EBSCO, OVID, NYS Dept. of Health, Blackstar, Ridley Book, Toshiba). As of right now we have 11 responses to participate and have received actual checks from:*
 - *EBSCO Subscription Services \$500 (they'd like to sponsor a break, this will be done on Thursday)*
 - *SUNY New Paltz Campus Auxiliary Services \$ 200*
 - *YPB (vendors fee) \$225*

Follow up letters have been sent to those vendors who have responded to participate.

- *Door Prizes – they are working on door prizes, things to put in the bags, program printing, etc.*
- *Food & on campus meal venues :*
 - *Wednesday evening social will be held off-campus at a local restaurant, Barnaby's, that is within walking distance of the school. This will be from 4:30- 6:00, and they are providing beer, wine, soda, hors d'oeuvres*
 - *Breakfast on Thursday and Friday will be continental near vendors and poster sessions*
 - *Thursday lunch is buffet with different serving stations (pizza/pasta at one, soup & salads at another, Mongolian grill, assorted desserts) - \$12.00*
 - *Thursday Dinner (hoping for vendor sponsorship for pre-dinner social – if not, perhaps a cash bar). Dinner will offer a choice of*
 - a. *sliced steak/shrimp scampi*
 - b. *grilled salmon filet*
 - c. *chicken francaise*
 - d. *portobello mushroom napoleon.*
Salad of mesclun greens w/rasp. balsamic vinaigrette, choc. mousse, plus wine, coffee, tea, breads,etc.
 - *Friday Box Lunch - \$7.00*

Other

- ❖ *Program Committee has discussed the possibilities of*
 - *Presenting certificates of service to those members who will be retiring*
 - *Remembering Dan Kissane (are there any ideas or suggestions that anyone would like to submit)?*

Respectfully submitted
Violet O. Price

3.3 Secretary- Caryl Ward

Caryl reported that she has two large tubs of material (including newsletters) that were passed to her by the previous secretary. If anyone has need of any archival documents, let Caryl know and she will see if they are included. Delegates are advised of the difficulty of opening some attachments. It is best to send reports in both WORD and as appends to email so that everyone can read them.

3.4 Treasurer- Elizabeth Gulacsy

TREASURER'S REPORT

7/1/04 - 3/15/05

Opening Balance, 1 July 04	15,342.29
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INCOME

Associate New	10.00
Associate Renewing	75.00
New	360.00
Renewing	7,375.00
Conference 2004	5,813.50

<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	13,633.50
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EXPENSES

Professional Grant	-650.00
Membership Development	-15.77
SCLD Conference	-627.00
Meetings	-99.75
Conference 2005	-2,000.00
Encumbered:	
Friend of SUNYLA	-500.00
Chu Scholarship	-900.00
Professional Grant	-1,200.00

<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	-5,992.52
BALANCE: 15 March 2005	<u>22,983.27</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Gulacsy
SUNYLA Treasurer

Council discussed the auditing process, which must occur every time a new treasurer is appointed. The fee last time was about \$1500, so it was agreed not to have SUNYLA's treasury audited at this time.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Automation and Information Technology- Bill Drew

Automation And Information Technology Committee Charge:

"The Automation and Information Technology Committee shall serve as a focus for the exchange of information about automation and information technology; increase understanding of its impact upon library personnel and service to users; seek to increase the cooperation among SUNY libraries, computer centers, and other information-based units in the development/acquisition of university information systems; and establish liaison on automation and information technology with other SUNY professional organizations as appropriate."

Current Committee Membership:

Wilfred (Bill) Drew, Committee Chair, Morrisville College Library
Jane Brodsky Fitzpatrick, SUNY Maritime College
Roger D. Gifford, University at Albany Libraries
Patti C. McCall, College of Agriculture and Technology, Cobleskill
Greg Wirszyła, SUNY New Paltz
Debby Emerson, Rochester Regional Library Council
Marianne Hebert, SUNY Potsdam
Carole Gambrell, Ammerman Campus - Suffolk County Community College
Michael Matis, Dewey Graduate Library University at Albany
Eileen O'Hara, SUNY Brockport
Paul MacLean, SUNY Geneseo
Mari Miller-Lamb, SUNY College at Old Westbury
Mark A. Smith, New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University
David Ritchie, SUC Cortland
Nancy Van Deusen, SUNY Cobleskill

The committee has not been very active recently. I am hoping to find new things for us to do. One idea I am thinking about is having a SUNYLA Blog for the annual conference. This would allow people to post to it during the conference and report on what is happening. We are in need of new members, especially looking for recent graduates from MLS programs.

Wilfred (Bill) Drew
Chair, Automation and Information Technology Committee.
Associate Librarian, Systems and Reference
Morrisville State College Library

Bill proposed a change in the bylaws to change the committee's name to the **Information Technology Committee**. He also said that the committee was looking for new members, and that current issues were campus IT support and SUNYAUG. Following a motion to change the committee's name, there was no discussion and Council unanimously agreed to put this proposal on the ballot with nominations for officers.

4.2 Library Instruction –Angela Weiler

SUNYLA Instruction Committee Report SUNYLA Council Meeting – March 18, 2005

January's discussion centered on Stanley Wilder's article in the Chronicle of Higher Education:

Wilder, Stanley. "Information literacy makes all the wrong assumptions." The Chronicle of Higher Education 7 Jan. 2005: B13.

Mr. Wilder is the Associate Dean of Libraries at the University of Rochester and has gained some notoriety in the past year with what he calls "The Case Against Information Literacy". While many of those who participated in our Instruction Committee discussion did not agree with all of Mr. Wilder's views, there were also many opinions expressed indicating that Mr. Wilder presented some valid points, particularly regarding the need for faculty to take a more active role in teaching and promoting research skills among students, and for librarians to assume roles which are more akin to "guides" than "teachers" per se.

February's discussion was related to another article against the concept of Information Literacy, this time from a non-academic, Dominic Basulto, who evidently writes for several e-zines:

<http://www.techcentralstation.com/012805B.html>

Basulto was critical of a new test developed by the Educational Testing Service (the group who administers the SAT's) to test Information and Communication Technology. He warned of "more attacks on the seemingly haphazard accumulation of knowledge on the Internet", and referred to the attitude that the Internet is an "abyss that must be monitored, censored and screened by a trusted gatekeeper -- like a school librarian". Most of those responding to this discussion did not agree with Mr. Basulto's opinions on information literacy and students' research skills.

A demo of the ETS test is available at: <http://www.ets.org/ictliteracy/>

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Weiler, Chair

SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee

4.3 Membership Development – Kim Davies

Kim was not able to attend the Council meeting, but she submitted the following membership information: SUNYLA currently has 332 members, 34 of whom are first timers. There are also 5 associate members. Kim submitted a copy of the letter that goes out to new members:

March 1, 2005

Dear Heather,

Welcome to SUNYLA! As Chair of the Membership Development Committee, I would like to thank you for joining the popular state-wide organization and offer some information that might be helpful to you.

Enclosed is a brochure that illustrates the different reasons why SUNY library staff join SUNYLA year after year. Some of the highlights include our annual conference, hosted at a different SUNY campus every year, and the opportunity for new members to apply for a Sylvia Chu Scholarship, which covers registration costs for one of our conferences; collaboration on projects such as SUNYConnect and the SUNY migration to ALEPH, where SUNY libraries work together to become one independent unit; voluntary participation in the organization's different committees, such as Professional Development, Library Instruction, Automation and Information Technology, and Membership Development; making contributions to the thought-provoking discussions happening on our listserv; and the opportunity to make personal and professional connections with librarians and library staff state-wide that are experiencing the same achievements and challenges that are happening within your library.

I sincerely hope that you will make the most out of your first year in SUNYLA and will continue to enjoy the opportunities and camaraderie that so many of us hold dear within this organization.

Best of luck to you!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Davies
Chair, Membership Development Committee

4.4 Professional Development- Alice Harrington

SUNYLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

March 18, 2005

Friend of SUNYLA Award:

This year's winner will be announced at the March 18th meeting of the SUNYLA Executive Committee. Gerald Burke (Albany) chairs this sub-committee.

Sylvia Chu Scholarships:

The deadline for the Sylvia Chu Scholarships is April 11, 2005. This is a great opportunity to get newcomers more involved with our organization so please encourage your colleagues to apply.

The awards cover conference registration, one pre-conference session and all conference meals. For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.albany.edu/%7ecq219/chu.html> or contact Carol Anne Germaine (Albany).

Professional Development Grant Subcommittee:

- The group, led by Marianne Muha (Buffalo State), awarded funding for Eileen O'Hara's application to attend the ACRL National Conference in Minneapolis in April. Eileen will present her poster session, "Eliminating EReserves: One Library's Experience", which illustrates SUNY Brockport's integration of Electronic reserves (ERes) with ANGEL.
- Dan Kissane (Oneonta) received a grant mid-fall to fund his trip to the 2005 ALA Mid-Winter Meeting in Boston. Upon his untimely passing in November, members of the SUNYLA Executive Council agreed to donate the money from this grant to his memorial.
- Funds for professional development grants have been expended for this budget year.

Pre-conference Workshop:

Proposed abstract: Libraries are threatened by reduced funding, challenges from competing services, and the perception of irrelevancy in an Internet age. If library services are to grow, change and thrive, it is clear that the profession needs individuals that practice leadership behaviors in their everyday work lives. The Rochester Regional Library Council's Leadership Institute teaches participants leadership skills identified by Barry Posner and Jim Kouzes, authors of the best-selling book The Leadership Challenge, as the five essential behaviors of leaders: model the way; inspire a shared vision; challenge the process; enable others to act and encourage the heart.

**Respectfully submitted,
Alice Harrington
March 16, 2005**

A nomination was put forward to Council for the Friend of SUNYLA award. (The name remains confidential at this time.) All voted in favor and the announcement will be made at a later date.

4.5 Personnel Policies- Ron Foster

Personnel Policies Committee Report
March 18, 2005

1. Exit Survey

Fifteen exit surveys were received in 2004, the most ever. So far, one exit survey has been received for 2005. I will send out a reminder about the survey in May.

Graphs have been added to the SUNYLA Exit Surveys, 1995-2003 summary, and this enhanced report is available on the committee's web site:
<http://sunyla.sunyit.edu>

Report Respectfully Submitted by:
Ron Foster, Chair

4.6 Publications & Communications- Jenny Baker

Items for the next newsletter are due to Gerry Leibowitz by April 15th. Please email campus news and articles to him at leibowg@ncc.edu.

We are in need of 1-2 new members to help out on the Publications Committee. Current members include Gerry Leibowitz (Nassau -- chair), Jenny Arbelo (Brockport), Jim Coan (Oneonta), and Ellen McCabe (Cortland).

Many thanks to Wendi Ackerman for updating the newsletters on the SUNYLA website.

Jenny Baker Arbelo

4.7 Web Manager- Wendi Ackerman

There was no report from Wendi. Delegates are asked to check the SUNYLA Directory for outdated links and personnel information.

5. Liason Reports

5.2 COA- Mark Smith

SUNYLA - COA Liaison Report

March, 2005

Mark A. Smith - NYS College of Ceramics @Alfred University

I. What is COA?

As new SUNYLA liaison to SUNY Computing Officer Association's, an immediate goal is to help our organization better understand the COA's technology role within SUNY and to seek out and promote mutually beneficial linkages with the SUNY library community. I would like to use this report to remind the SUNYLA council and membership who COA is, and what they do. COA's Mission is *"To support the evolving technology missions of the University Centers and Colleges of the State University of New York by providing excellence in networking, communication and training among for our members. To be a focused forum for the continual development of technical staff. To be a conduit, facilitating recommendations for technical solutions from technologists to the Chief Information Officers of the University."*

COA's primary function is as an organization that seeks to coordinate and share experiences and knowledge among those who run or work in campus computing organizations. COA holds regional forums on a variety of technology matters such as helpdesk operations, lab management, electronic communications and feedback and networking issues. COA is also a co-sponsor of the annual "SUNY Technology Conference" (aka "STC"). The organization is also involved in sharing technical information and expertise with common systems such as SCT Banner and coordinates cooperative SUNYwide programs such as a surplus equipment redeployment. In addition, COA acts as a clearinghouse for other state and national conferences of interest to its members.

II. Opportunities:

- Encourage "cross-fertilization" presentations at COA/SUNYLA annual conferences.
- Offer librarian expertise on issues of local campuswide library related technology implementations. (ie. specs, technical issues, classroom requirements, and training needs for course management functions of ARTstor, or special network needs such as unique proxy requirements of some resources)
- Information sharing on issues and policies relating to security/confidentiality (and "scrubbing")
- Sharing information on directions/trends within SUNY Libraries (ie. data warehousing, digital imaging initiatives, etc.)

III. COA Website:

COA recently revamped and updated its website. SUNYLA now has a more prominent presence and consistent identification as an important technology intensive arm of the University. Links to

the SUNYLA website and an conference listing have been added. If you are interested in learning more about COA efforts please visit their newly revamped website at <http://www.coa.suny.edu>

IV. 2005 SUNY Technology Conference (STC) : Jointly Sponsored by COA, SUNY Telecommunications Officers Association (TOA), and SUNY Educational Technology Officers Association (EdTOA)

“Continuing Our Open Source Tradition”
June 12-15: SUNY Technology Conference
Location: Hudson Valley Resort, Kerhonkson, NY
Information: <http://www.stc.suny.edu/>

5.4 FACT- Michael Morin

SUNYLA Report of Activities of the FACT Advisory Council

Submitted by Michael E. Morin, March 18, 2005

- **Conference on Instructional Technologies** The 14th CIT conference; *Fitting the Pieces Together: Pedagogy, Technology and Learning* (CIT2005) is scheduled for May 23-26 at SUNY Binghamton. The *Pre-Conference Workshops* will be held on Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24. This year, for the first time, you will be able to use your credit card to pay for CIT. Use your Visa or MasterCard to pay your registration, housing, activity, and workshop fees. The last day for early registration is May 2, 2005. Late registration fees will be imposed starting May 3, 2005. Details are available at <http://www.cit.suny.edu/>.
- **Conference on Computing in the Disciplines (COCIDS)** Two COCIDs are currently under consideration for the spring round of funding. Several applications arrived after the February 2nd deadline and will be considered for fall funding. The FIT Slide Library COCID in NYC was very well attended by SUNY and Non-SUNY schools and museums. Special interest was noted with this COCID, which addressed an immediate concern for visual programs. Eastman Kodak has ended production of the ubiquitous Carrousel 35mm slide projectors, leaving all academic users scrambling for digital image resources, management and projection systems.
- **Learning Environments** has completed their new wave of hiring technical staff and has received permission to hire a new Director of the SUNY Learning Network and Help Desk personnel. There is also a proposal to merge SLN and Course Space into one web-based entity. The SUNY Training Center is also hiring a TLT manager that was previously a SLN function. The FACT Council has accepted a request from SUNY Provost Salins to provide planning leadership for the TLT Conference. Support will be provided by the SUNY Training Center, as with the annual CIT conference.
- **Student Computing Access Program (SCAP)** 15-16 Campuses have reported to SCAP office, 14 have been approved and best [practices are being culled for reporting via the TLT web site, <http://tlt.suny.edu/tltcoop.htm>.
- **Academic Software Initiative (ASI)** No new software has been recommended to the Provost at the time of this report. Software requests can be reviewed at <http://www.fact.suny.edu/programs.html#academic>.

5.5 SAC- Andy Perry

To: SUNYLA Council
From: Andy Perry, SAC Liaison
Subject: SAC Liaison Report
Date: March 14, 2005

SAC has met on a monthly basis since my last report in 2004. The most recent meeting was held on March 10. SAC has now expanded to include a representative from the SUNY Student Assembly and the CCIO group. The Student Assembly representative, Don Boyce attends SUNY Albany and his student perspective on SUNY libraries has been very useful and informative. Walter Lukhaup, the new CCIO representative to SAC. Walter is Vice President of Information Technology at Niagara County Community College (and a former librarian). The CCIO representative replaces the COA representative on SAC.

The main order of business is continuing work on the SUNYConnect five year plan. During the March 10 meeting, the guests (including SUNYLA President Ellen McCabe) who originally participated in the October 2004 planning retreat were invited back to preview the current draft of the Plan and to help work on the strategy to present the Plan to the SCLD annual conference in April. Note that the new SUNYConnect Plan is the main agenda item for the entire SCLD conference. Changes/suggestions from SCLD will be incorporated and the resulting Plan will then be presented to SUNYLA in June (I am on the program to present) for similar comments and changes. After discussion with SUNYLA the Draft will be presented to the Faculty Senate and possibly the Chief Academic Officers before a final version is presented to the Provost.

The March 10 SAC meeting included a demo of the Ex Libris Universal Borrowing Center. This is proposed for the Borrowing functionality of the SUNY Union Catalog. The demo involved a test system installed on SUNY equipment and using SUNY data. Attendees felt that good progress is being made.

SAC has discussed the Ex Libris contract renewal during the last two meetings with the outcome that a recommendation was made that the contract be renewed for another five years.

SAC has recommended that an annual fee increase (subject to annual review) is needed to provide inflationary protection to support the current programs and to provide a modest reserve after five years to pay for ongoing hardware replacement. This will be presented to SCLD sections in April. The proposal would be a status quo program and would not include support for a future Science Direct renewal in 2010.

The new Plan has shown that a new consensus among SUNY libraries regarding the role of SUNYConnect is needed. Getting there is a political process and depends on SUNY libraries being willing to work together to gain effectiveness and economies of scale. How the Plan progresses and is received by constituent groups will largely determine the future of SUNYConnect.

The next SAC meeting will be held May 25 in Syracuse.

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Andy announced that he will be stepping down as SAC liason late in the Spring. President Ellen McCabe will appoint a replacement, and she asks that nominations be forwarded to her. The new liason should be someone who has been involved with Aleph and can see the "big picture". Council then discussed SUNYConnect's five year plan at length.

5.6 Nylink—Kathy Gundrum

Ann Gunning attended the Council meeting for Kathy and filed this report:

SUNYLA Executive Board/Council Meeting, March 18, 2005 Report from Nylink, Submitted by Ann Gunning (for Kathleen Gundrum)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Jeffes recently joined Nylink's Member Services unit as Educational Services Coordinator. Before joining Nylink, Steve was a Senior Manager at Capgemini Consulting, where he was in charge of a consulting group responsible for delivering training, change management and CRM consulting projects. Steve welcomes input regarding Nylink members' training, professional development and consulting needs. Steve can be reached at 800-342-3353 or jeffes@nylink.suny.edu.

Dan Towne recently joined Nylink's Cooperative Services unit and will be helping libraries obtain discounts on a variety of products including Computype, RefWorks and Westlaw Campus. Previously, he was a reference librarian at Fulton-Montgomery Community College in Johnstown, NY, and a librarian at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls, NY. Dan can be reached at 800-342-3353 or towned@nylink.suny.edu.

Implementing a new format this year, the **Nylink Advisory Groups** will explore timely topics impacting library staff. For 2005, the two topics advisory group members are focusing on are open source software and information access. **Michael Lavin, University at Buffalo**, and **James Williamson, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry**, sit on the Information Access Advisory Group; **Bill Drew, Morrisville State College**, sits on the Open Source Software Advisory Group. The newly formed advisory groups will meet at Nylink in Albany on April 5.

New Nylink Electronic Publication: *Essential News* is a limited series publication designed to keep library staff informed about critical and timely product and service updates from OCLC and other Nylink partners. *Essential News* will be distributed electronically to contacts at Nylink member institutions and will also be available from the Nylink website at <http://nylink.suny.edu/essential/default.htm>.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES NEWS

IMPORTANT RETIREMENT DATES FOR OCLC PRODUCTS!

May 1, 2005: OCLC will retire **ILL Web**, **Passport for ILL** and **ILL ME** as well as **Passport for Cataloging**. Interlibrary loan users must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing or to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.
Passport cataloging users must migrate to Connexion.

July 1, 2005: OCLC will retire **CatME**, **CJK** and **Arabic** cataloging interfaces. All users of these interfaces must migrate to the Connexion browser or the Connexion client.

August/September 2005 (revised time frame; previously June 2005): OCLC will retire **Passport for Union Listing**. Union listing functionality for maintenance of local serials holdings data will move to the Connexion browser interface.

More information can be found on the OCLC web site:
<<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/migrating/>> for cataloging and
<<http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/default.htm>> for ILL.

Contact Nylink at 800-342-3353 for migration assistance. Nylink training classes for Connexion and WorldCat Resource Sharing are currently scheduled through June 2005 and are listed at
<<http://nylink.suny.edu/training.htm>>.

OCLC ILL Pricing News: ILL transaction pricing will end on June 30, 2005. Effective July 1, 2005, all ILL and union listing activity will be billed using ILL subscription pricing. Details on this and much more regarding OCLC Resource Sharing can be found in *Essential News* – Number 2, at <http://nylink.suny.edu/essential/news2.htm>.

OCLC's new WorldCat Collection Analysis Service allows libraries and/or groups to extract information on the age and subject content of a collection, review collection gaps and overlap with others, generate lists of uniquely held titles, and more – **based on holdings in WorldCat**. More information and a demo are available at <http://www.oclc.org/collectionanalysis/default.htm>. Pricing and other information are available from Donna Dixon at Nylink (dixond@nylink.suny.edu).

The **PsycBOOKS** full-text database of books and chapters from the American Psychological Association (APA) is scheduled to become available on the **OCLC FirstSearch** service on May 15, 2005. A special offer of a 15% first-year discount will be applicable for new subscriptions to PsycBOOKS if this database is added to an existing PsycINFO or PsycARTICLES subscription.

OCLC FirstSearch renewal information for FY 05/06 will available in early April 2005.

Open WorldCat has become a permanent program, allowing libraries with holdings in WorldCat to have their holdings discoverable through Google, Yahoo and other sites. Through June 30, 2005, all libraries with WorldCat holdings will be included, unless they decline participation. After June 30, libraries must have a subscription to WorldCat on FirstSearch in order for their holdings to be displayed. In November 2004, approximately 5 million clicks from partner sites to WorldCat records were counted.

Cooperative Services' New Memoranda of Understanding: Centurion, Computype, MITINET/MARC Wizard

- **Centurion:** New arrangement gives Nylink members a 10% discount (15% until June 30, 2005) on Centurion Technologies' comprehensive suite of computer drive and data protection hardware and software for institutions that make Public Access Computers (PACS) available to users.
- **Computype:** Discounts for Computype's cover-to-cover library identification solutions, including labeling and barcoding services, equipment, and supplies.
- **MITINET/MARC Wizard:** A set of applications for retrieving, managing, and editing MARC records, including MARC Magician 2.0.7, a professional-level global editing and cataloging application.

Renewal pricing for LexisNexis and OUP: Renewal pricing for all LexisNexis products is now available online at the Nylink Cooperative Services website. See individual product pages for pricing. Oxford University Press product pricing is also available; please contact Jen Stelling for information (800-342-3353; stellingj@nylink.suny.edu). Prices have increased for most databases and Nylink has reduced its surcharges in order to keep price increases as low as possible.

Wilson Education Index Retro: Wilson has made its newly released EDUCATION INDEX RETROSPECTIVE 1929-1983 available for previewing through March 31 at <http://www.hwwilson.com/edu-retro.htm>. 30-day trials are also available and can be obtained through the Wilson website or by contacting Jen Stelling at Nylink (800-342-3353; stellingj@nylink.suny.edu).

For a complete list of products and services available at a discount through Nylink's Cooperative Services program, go to <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/default.htm>.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Nylink is offering **CONSER's Advanced Serials Cataloging Workshop** at New York Public Library on June 23-24, 2005. This in-depth course, on the rules and practices applied to original cataloging of serials, will be taught by Maggie Horn, Library Systems Implementation Specialist at the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services, and Gretchen Yealy, Serials Cataloger, Brown University. More information is available at <http://nylink.suny.edu/conser05.htm>.

Information regarding all Educational Services offerings (face-to-face and online workshops, webinars, and other professional development opportunities) is available at <http://nylink.suny.edu/training.htm>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nylink Annual Meeting, May 4-5, Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs. Theme: "New Visions for Library Service: Responding to the Changing Environment." Will include a presentation by **Ed Rivenburgh, Director of Libraries, SUNY Geneseo**, on the SUNY IDS (Information Delivery Services) Pilot Project. The dinner speaker will be John Patrick, President of Attitude LLC and former Vice President of Internet Technology at IBM, who will talk about "The Ultimate Internet." The business meeting portion will include reports from Nylink Council members who will share a draft of Nylink's 3-year strategic plan. **SUNY representation on Nylink Council:** Frank Wojcik, SUNY Brockport, representative to OCLC Members Council; Mary Beth Bell, SUNY Oswego, representing SUNY 4-year and university centers; and Barbara Liesenbein, Dutchess Community College, representing SUNY community colleges. More information about the Annual Meeting is available at <http://nylink.suny.edu/amtg05.htm>.

SUNYLA Conference, June 8-10, SUNY New Paltz: Nylink will be attending the conference and participating as an exhibitor.

Nylink Information Showcase, November 17, 2005, Syracuse

Council again discussed the LAND service and its practices and agreed that members need to maintain communication (suggestions, problems) concerning the service with Nylink and each other.

5.7 NY3Rs- Nancy Howe

Report to the SUNYLA Conference, March 18, 2005

"Continuous Assessment, Continuous Improvement" Round II

The NY3Rs has been awarded an LSTA grant to continue their successful series of workshops on Continuous Assessment and Continuous Improvement for libraries. There will be a series of seven workshops offered in three locations throughout New York State during 2005-2006. They are as follows:

Genesee Community College, Batavia:

June 20-21
September 13-14
December 6-7
January 13

CDLC, Albany:

June 14-15
September 8-9
December 8-9
January 12

Heiskell Library, Manhattan:

June 16-17
September 6-7
December 12-13
January 11

Library Day in Albany 2005

The Library Resources Councils across the state helped to coordinate Library Advocacy Day in Albany on March 15. Nearly 1000 library supporters from all over New York traveled to Albany to meet with their legislators and advocate on behalf of libraries and state funding for library programs. Latest word is that budget proposals from both the State Assembly and the State Senate call for the elimination of the reduction in library funding for libraries proposed by the Governor, as well as additional money for library services

6th Biennial Academic Directors and Senior Administrators Conference

Being planned for November 10-11, 2005, in Saratoga Springs.
Official announcements will come soon.

New digitization-related projects:

Southeastern New York Library Resources Council is doing a Hudson Valley Heritage (HHH) project. The work is being done by both participants and SENYLRC. The group will develop a Friends of HHH group.

Long Island Library Resources Council is doing Long Island Memories. 16 libraries are doing their own work with advice and training from LILRC.

Capital District Library Council (CDLC) has just completed a regional digitization plan and is developing a training calendar and related demonstration project.

New regional delivery service:

CDLC and the three public library systems in the region implemented a regional delivery service effective January 1, 2005. All the public libraries and most CDLC members receive deliveries from one to five days per week. As a service to the region, CDLC is supporting service to the New York State Library as well.

5.8 OLIS- John Schumacher

SUNY Office of Library and Information Services

Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
John Schumacher (john.schumacher@suny.edu)
March 18, 2005

SUNYConnect LMS

- Fifty-two libraries are using the SUNYConnect LMS. Hudson Valley is scheduled to “STP” March 23, 2005; New Paltz – March 30, 2005.
- With Hudson Valley’s migration to ALEPH, all of the LAIP libraries will have made the transition to the SUNYConnect LMS. Everyone in LAIP deserves credit for setting the foundation for SUNYConnect.
- The University at Buffalo has been evaluating test ALEPH databases. Their STP is currently scheduled for summer 2006.
- OLIS has visited all of the Group9 campuses. This final group of SUNYConnect libraries is comprised of Brockport, Empire, Mohawk Valley, Niagara, North Country and Institute of Technology. The formal start to their implementations begins next month. All Group9 libraries should be using the SUNYConnect LMS by February 2006.
- Universal Borrowing – Ex Libris demonstrated new consortial-wide circulation functions to members of the SUNYConnect Advisory Council (S.A.C.), OLIS and other SUNY library leaders. This demonstration utilized SUNYConnect data and computers. Full availability of the service will take considerable planning and effort by many entities across SUNYConnect.
- Union Catalog – two steps forward; one step back (or ...). The major issue right now is the long load times needed to update the union catalog.
- Initial discussions have begun regarding renewal of the SUNY-Ex Libris contract. Issues related to the union catalog and universal borrowing will play prominent roles in those discussions.

SUNYConnect Electronic Resources

- The new five year agreement between SUNY and Elsevier provides full-text access to Elsevier’s ScienceDirect (1995 and onward) for all of SUNYConnect.
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/>
- SUNYConnect libraries have full-text access to the New England Journal of Medicine.
<http://content.nejm.org/>
- Twenty-nine SUNY libraries are participating in the ARTstor offering.
<http://www.artstor.org/info/>
- Binghamton, Oneonta, Oswego, Potsdam and Stony Brook have approached OLIS in regard to utilizing OLIS’ Dspace system <http://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/community-list>
- OLIS activities related to SFX have included additional training course offerings, establishing the “shared SFX” service, and initial planning for the v.2-to-v.3 upgrade.

OLIS

- John Schumacher will be on a special work assignment away from the office from April through September 2005. He’ll be working on issues related to a SUNY-wide digital repository.
- New OLIS Email Addresses

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SUNYConnect Information / Resources

- For additional information about SUNYConnect

<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/>
<http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/sunyergy/>
<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/SUNYConnection/>

- Additional resources:
“SUNY ALEPH500 Portal” <http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/aleph/>
“SUNYConnect Service and Support Portal”
<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/service>

SUNYLA 2005

- June 8-10, 2005 New Paltz, New York
<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/sunyla/>

SUNYAUG 2005

- The SUNY ALEPH Users' Group 2005 meeting is scheduled for October 14th in Oneonta. A call for presentation proposals can be found at <http://library.morrisville.edu/sunyaug/> Deadline for proposals is May 31, 2005.

5.9 UUP- John Schumacher

UUP Liaison Report

John Schumacher (Central@uupmail.org)
SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
March 18, 2005

SUNY Budget

- The good news is that this year the SUNY Board of Trustees and the governor are singing from UUP's songbook about the need for additional SUNY funding. The bad news is much of that proposed increase is based on a tuition increase, there is no guarantee that the full tuition increase will occur, and there is now little, to no, “give” in SUNY's overall budget and even less so at the individual campus level.
- Some reports indicate that there is a better chance for an on-time budget (April 1, 2005) this year than in previous years. UUP's position, however, is better to have a good budget than an on-time budget.
- All UUPers need to do their part to protect and advocate for SUNY.

Political Action

- **Please call 1-877-255-9417**, ask to speak to your NYS representatives and tell them to “Live up to the promise: Invest in SUNY!” Also, see “talking points” regarding the SUNY budget advocacy (below).
- Please go to <http://politicalaction.nysut.org/fax/fax.asp?func=select&mode=state>
This provides an easy way to send a fax to your NYS legislator regarding SUNY funding and protecting the SUNY hospitals. **Please do this today!**
- UUP is sponsoring “Librarians Day” on March 22, 2005. Please let me know if you can come to Albany to advocate for SUNY funding. SUNY librarians! Let's show them! UUP will reimburse your expenses. Because of new, stricter lobbying rules we need to recruit more people to visit Albany and the legislature.
- UUP's legislative agenda can be found at <http://www.uupinfo.org/legislative/05program.pdf>
- UUP's political action calendar can be found at <http://www.uupinfo.org/legislative/politicalendar.pdf>

Working Paper Series

- UUP seeks submissions from all members for its new Working Paper Series. Papers from all disciplines and topics are sought. Contact Academic VP Fred Floss (ffloss@uupmail.org) for

more information. Fred will be contacting SUNYLA about getting copies of the papers to all SUNY libraries.

Benefits

- Ms. Doreen Bango is the new Manager of Member Benefits for UUP.
- A new benefit allows UUPers who meet the criteria to trade in vacation days for cash off their health insurance bill. <http://www.uupinfo.org/pip.html>
- A pilot program has been established in the New York City area to allow UUPers to pay for transportation costs out of pre-tax dollars. It is hoped that the plan can eventually be expanded to other parts of the state.

Upcoming Delegate Assembly

- The UUP Spring DA will be May 6,7 in Albany, New York.

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March Budget Campaign Talking Points

1. The 2005-06 Executive Budget calls for an increase in SUNY's spending authority (\$85 million). Without this \$85 million – that SUNY identified as the minimum required for the basic needs of the University – the State-Operated campuses will be forced to lay off as many as 1,700 academic and professional faculty and cut classes and programs that will impact 34,000 SUNY students.

Tell the Legislative leaders that SUNY must have the full \$85 million for the basic needs of the University. These needs include:

- **more full-time academic and professional faculty lines**
 - **funding for the Technology Colleges' transition to four-year college status**
 - **more librarians and library resources**
2. UUP **supports** the increased funding for the SUNY hospitals in the 2005-06 Executive Budget proposal.

UUP **opposes** the 0.7 percent tax on gross hospital revenues in the 2005-06 Executive Budget proposal; the plans to transfer the SUNY hospitals to private, not-for-profit status; and cuts to Medicaid and Graduate Medical Education funding.

Tell the Legislative leaders to increase – not cut – funding for the SUNY hospitals and their vital public health mission, and to immediate end plans to privatize these essential institutions.

3. UUP **opposes** the \$7.48 million cut (48 percent) in funding for the Educational Opportunity Program in the 2005-06 Executive Budget proposal.

4. **Tell the Legislative leaders to increase funding for SUNY's opportunity programs.** Considerable discussion followed John's UUP report. If SUNY's budget is not increased, the result will be very burdensome to SUNY and to its libraries. John encouraged delegates to contact their respective legislators and urge them to support the additional funding for SUNY proposed by the SUNY Board of Trustees and the NYS Legislature. John proposed a resolution to increase SUNY's University-wide Library Automation Account, which as seconded by B. Drew. These funds could be used for SUNY-wide access to electronic resources, monographic purchases, and/or personnel for SUNY-wide technical support and services. All Council members were in favor of the endorsement, so the proposal passed unanimously.

6.0 New Business

Marianne Hebert reminded Council that the deadline for SUNYAUG's call for proposals is March 31.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.