

SUNYLA Minutes
June 13, 2007

Attending: J. Yaples (Binghamton), E. McCabe (Cortland), C. Cooper (Finger Lakes), J. Miller (Adirondack CC), G. Bobish (Albany), K. Niider (Optometry), A. Gunning (NYLINK), C. Maier (Corning CC), K. Shockey (Oswego), E. Gulacsy (Alfred Ceramics), C. Lougen (New Paltz), E. Hart (Oswego), R. Leon (Potsdam), J. Schumacher (OLIS), A. Davies (Cobleskill), B. Drew (Morrisville), J. Rogers-Urbaneck (Potsdam), J. Spadaro (Old Westbury), J. Petrick (Alfred State), G. Leibowitz (Nassau CC), D. Ritchie (Cortland), M. A. Smith (Alfred Ceramics), M. Curtis (Broome CC), D. Lewis (TC3), A. Perry (New Paltz), D. Harms (Cortland), M. Wildman (Cortland), R. Foster (Utica), **Recording Secretary:** M. Hebert (Potsdam).

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Minutes of March 16, 2007 were approved unanimously.

Announcements, correspondence, appointments:

Oswego: Three vacant positions have been announced (Serials Librarian and Head of Access Services and Head of Collection Development).

Adirondack CC: A new president has been appointed beginning Summer 2007.

Optometry: A new president has been appointed.

FCC: A search for a new president is underway.

Binghamton: Currently have several vacancies. A search for an Engineering Bibliographer is underway.

Alfred State. A search for a new president is underway.

Morrisville: A search is underway for an Instruction Librarian.

Cobleskill: Recently hired a new Library Clerk 3 in Circulation/ILL. A search for a new president has been reopened.

TC3: Services have been reduced due to a remodeling project.

Officer Reports

President-Marc Wildman

SUNYLA President's Report June 13, 2007

A year has come and gone, and here I submit my final report as SUNYLA President. It has been a wonderful year of learning, personal growth, and adventure. I would like to thank everyone for all the help they have given me to make this great organization run.

Thank you for the members who stepped forward to take on the vital executive board offices that were vacated. Daniel Harms for 1st Vice President/President Elect, Darryl Coleman 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair, and Jenica Rogers-Urbanek as Treasurer. And as of Thursday at the conclusion of the open business meeting, I give all my best wishes to Joe Petrick as the new President of the organization.

Some special thanks needs to go to Elizabeth Gulacsy for her many years of service to SUNYLA, and her past several years as our treasurer. Thanks for minding the vault Elizabeth and enjoy your retirement! I would also like to acknowledge the work of Frank Mols who has been the "man behind the scenes" maintaining the SUNYLA discussion list over these past many years. Good

luck and best wished to Frank as he leaves SUNY to pursue a library directorship. I am pleased to announce that Dave Vose has agreed to take over for Frank and serve as the discussion list administrator. Thanks Dave! Bill Drew will continue as the administrator of the council list with his move to TC3. Good luck in you new position Bill.

I'm happy to acknowledge that the proposal on the election ballot for creating the LiSUG Committee has passed. We are also fortunate that Andy Perry has agreed to serve as the committee chairperson to get this new branch of SUNYLA going. Thanks Andy!

After many discussions with members and officers, we have decided to investigate the issue of apathy among the SUNYLA membership to serve on the executive board. Emily Hart has proposed the formation of an Ad-hoc committee to explore and survey our membership on this and several other issues. I will be asking the council to approve this proposal and am pleased the Kim Davies Hoffman has volunteered to head the committee.

I attended the annual SCLD meeting April 18th-20th in Saratoga Springs. The three days were packed with many presentations, discussions, and meetings. Much of the meeting centered on resource sharing, the SAC Five Year Strategic Plan, and SUNY Digital Library Initiatives. Much of this information can be read in the minutes posted to the discussion list provided by Cary Hatch.

Our Equity issues have been heard, and Patricia Bentley and John Schumacher continue to represent our library concerns on the negotiations committee. You can follow the negotiations and see the proposals that were exchanged on the UUP website. Please respect that Patty or John may not be able to answer you questions directly due to the confidentiality of the proceedings.

I thank everyone for allowing me this wonderful opportunity to represent SUNYLA this past year. It has been a wonderful opportunity, and has opened many new doors for me and the organization. I will continue one more year as ex-officio and be "hanging out" on a few committees.

Now over to you Joe!

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Wildman
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First Vice President-Joe Petrick

There was no written report from the First Vice President.

Second Vice President-Carol Ann Germain

There was no written report from the Second Vice President. Carol Ann expressed her gratitude to the Local Arrangements Committee for all their hard work on the conference. She excused herself to continue work on conference issues.

Secretary-Marianne Hebert

There was brief discussion regarding the elections process and process and timing of membership renewals. It was suggested that membership send an email to the listserv several weeks prior to elections reminding members that they need to renew in order to participate in the elections. It was agreed that the Membership committee would work with the Secretary and 1st Vice President to make the process smoother.

SUNYLA Secretary's Report

June 16, 2007

Results of the SUNYLA Elections

115 eligible ballots received:

- 1st Vice President - Daniel Harms: 115
- 2nd Vice President - Darryl Coleman: 113
- Treasurer - Jenica Rogers-Urbaneck: 114
- SUNYLA Bylaws change to add new LiSUG committee: Yes (111), No (3)

Election process

The 2007 elections process was a bit confusing for delegates and members. This was partially due to the delay in getting the ballots ready, and delays in the delivery of ballots from campuses due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend. In addition, several delegates waited too long to send in their campus ballots.

- LAND delivery delays: Several ballots sent via land on Thursday and Friday, didn't make it to Potsdam until the following Wednesday or later.
- Mailing ballots: Mail delivery was not as fast as expected, due to the holiday. At least one delegate was misinformed that the ballots from their campus would be counted as long as they were post-marked by Monday May 28th. This is not true. Ballots have to be **received** by the stated deadline. Ballots are counted the day after the deadline, so results can be announced as soon as possible. We would not want to wait several days for ballots to trickle in.

There was a lot of confusion among the membership as to who was a current member or not, and it became apparent that we need a mechanism in place to ensure that candidates for offices are current members of SUNYLA.

Suggestions:

- Strive to hold elections in April so that there is no rush, and no conflicts with May holiday.
- Give delegates more than 7 days to get ballots to the SUNYLA Secretary. Several delegates were out of the office the week ballots were to be delivered to the Secretary.
- Stress in the delegate instructions that they should put the ballots in LAND or USPS on the day after they receive all the ballots from their members (e.g. on Tuesday May 22nd).
- Send reminders to the SUNYLA list in March informing members of the upcoming April election, and that only current members as of April 1st are eligible to run for office and/or vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marianne Hebert
 SUNYLA Secretary
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Treasurer-Elizabeth Gulacsy

The treasurer's audit is scheduled for July 7th or 8th. Elizabeth has contracted with a local auditor from Cornell who specializes in audits for non-profits. She will submit a final report.

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
ACTUAL July 1	15,185	12,557	7,177	5,261	3,160	14,842	23,111	27,805
Membership	5,603	5,363	6,090	5,738	8,005	8,055	9,285	7,995
Conference	3,496				7,950	5,814	7,078	2,000
Miscellaneous (funds released)	8				95	500	800	558
INCOME TOTAL	9,107	5,363	6,090	5,738	16,050	14,369	17,163	10,553
Conference	2,150	2,283	2,733	1,808	2,000	2,000	4,200	7,000
Friends Award		408	176	363	343	500	500	500
Scholarship	1,848	2,099	1,136	821	500	912	1,016	3,500
Meetings	859	1,392	617	130	50	124	346	488
Travel	955	748						
SCOLD Conf.	720	748	812	890	636	627	468	234
Clearinghouse, Web		32		95	135			
Membership Com.		257	251	31	22	16	65	19
Publications Com.	2,200	1,626	1,670	2,000			2,225	
Contribution/Ad	700	500	300				500	
Prot Dev. Grant		200		300	500	1,850	2,342	2,400
Survey	603		70	39			205	
Supplies	1,443		45					
Postage	211	200		86	107	70		
Misc.	30	250	196	75	75		558	643
Bank charges/transfer	16	530					43	
Audit				1,200				
EXPENSES TOTAL	11,735	11,273	8,006	7,838	4,368	6,100	12,469	14,784
BALANCE (Income - Expenses)	-2,628	-5,910	-1,916	-2,100	11,682	8,269	4,694	-4,230
BALANCE FORWARD	12,557	6,647	5,261	3,160	14,842	23,111	27,805	23,574

	CONFERENCE		MEMBERSHIP		NEWSLETTER
84	554.00		3974.00		-776.00
85	-520.00		4266.00		-2181.00
86	92.00		4236.00		-1376.00
87	-1900.00		4786.00		-1530.00
88	2236.96		4543.50		-1663.15
89	-1000.00		4952.50		-335.87
90	-1500.00		5239.00		-1338.71
91	2303.61		478.58		-2115.04
no data available 92-94					
95	2269.63		5350.50		-2640.00
96	438.19		5397.00		-2820.00
97	1311.00		4957.00		-2876.00
98	4710.00		5505.00		-2830.00
99	-1501.00		5843.00		-1350.00
00	1346.00		5603.00		-2200.00
01	-2541.25		5363.00		-1626.00
02	-1999.53		6090.00		-1670.00
03	3687.25		5737.50		-2000.00
04	3813.50		8005.00		0.00
05	5077.71		8055.00		0.00
06	-2200.00		9285.00		-2000.00
07			7920.00		0.00
average	733.90		5504.12		-1587.04
max	5077.71		9285.00		0.00
min	-2541.25		478.58		-2876.00

Committee Reports

Information Technology Committee -Bill Drew

Annual Report of the Information Technology Committee

Bill reported on the difficulties the IT committee was having getting members participation. He stated that the committee needs direction from the Executive Board.

Bill informed the Executive Board that the IT Committee website has moved from the Morrisville server to the SUNYLA website. Bill now has editing privileges on the SUNYLA

website. There is now a web form on the new site to subscribe to the IT discussion list. He also reported that the SUNYLA TechWiki has been successful.

Committee Charge:

"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."

1. The Future of the Committee

It is questionable to me as to the need for this committee to continue. Despite continued requests for several years to get direction from the executive board, none has been forthcoming. Participation by members of the committee has been lacking as well. Part of that is due to a lack of direction or clear tasks assigned by the board or suggested by committee members. The committee can serve as a tool for keeping SUNYLA informed about new technologies and developments such as Library 2.0. In order to do that, the committee needs to have a membership willing to take some time to examine what is just over the horizon and to discuss what that might mean for libraries and for SUNY.

2. How is the committee doing -- The Charge:

- a. "exchange of information about automation and information technology" – Grade of C .

This is occurring to a limited extent with the wiki at <http://sunylanewtechwiki.pbwiki.com/> . However, contributions by SUNYLA librarians are not at the levels needed to provide a useful source of information. Very few librarians have taken the time to tell others what they are doing. How do we increase this level of participation? All would benefit from more information.

- b. "increase understanding of its impact upon library personnel and service to users" – Grade of D minus.

I am at a complete loss on how to get this type of discussion going. People seem unwilling to participate even though there is a great need for this discussion.

- c. "seek to increase the cooperation among SUNY libraries, computer centers, and other information-based units in the development/acquisition of university information systems" Grade of B.

The committee has been very successful over the years in this function. Cooperation between libraries is a given within SUNY. What is lacking in this area is finding ways to share or implement new technologies such as wikis or blogs in a systematic way sharing servers for those with such servers. My hope was to find a way to get campuses with such services to

provide those services to the “have nots.” I asked ITEC about such services but they never got back to me on it.

d. “establish liaison on automation and information technology with other SUNY professional organizations as appropriate” – Grade of B.

This function has shifted over to other groups within SUNY such as the former SUNY ALEPH Users Group. Are there any other organizations the committee should be contacting?

3. Web Site: The web site has been moved to <http://www.sunyla.org/it/index.html>.

4. E-mail List Management

As chair of the committee, I continue to manage or assist in the management of the following lists housed at ITEC.

- suny-acq-l Acquisitions list
- sunyaug SUNY ALEPH Users Group
- sunyaugb SUNYAUG executive board
- sunyla_autocom IT committee
- sunyla_libweb library web
- sunyla_lic Instruction committee
- sunylac Council List

5. The future?

The council and executive board need to discuss the role of this committee and decide if it should be continued or suffer the same death as previous SUNYLA committees that could not get members to participate.

Submitted by,

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Library Instruction-Angela Weiler

Rudy Leon (Potsdam) has been appointed Chair of the Instruction Committee.

SUNYLA Instruction Committee - Annual Report

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September's discussion topic was suggested by Margaret Devereaux, Collection Development Librarian at Cayuga Community College. She asked whether or not libraries had successful plans in place to raise information literacy levels of non-professional library staff. There were no responses to this topic.

October's discussion topic was Ebsco's Academic Search Premier and misspellings. Misspelling the word steroids ("steriods") returned thirty-one items with the word "steriods", twenty-one of them from peer-reviewed journals. A search on "euthenasia" (misspelled) returned two articles. Most of these misspellings occurred within the abstracts. One question raised was whether or not the problem was within Ebsco or within the journals themselves. Carrie Laier checked with an Ebsco rep, and he/she responded that about 80% of abstracts are written by the authors themselves. Another responder mentioned that Wilson Abstracts publishes incorrect dates for items on occasion; Wilson's rep stated that "outsourcing" was the reason. (For Wilson's *Art Index Retrospective*, they outsource work to China.) Someone else did a quick check and reported finding "steriods" in forty-five items in InfoTrac OneFile (five in academic journals), and twenty-four items in ScienceDirect. Many were misspelled in the title of the article. Poor indexing and/or bad text recognition software were also mentioned as possible reasons.

November's discussion topic was suggested by Lori Annesi, Reference/Special Collections Librarian at Monroe Community College. She was concerned about titles appearing and disappearing from databases with little or no notice (Custom Newspapers and the New York Times was an example she cited.) She asked a two part question: Shouldn't we be informed of these decisions? And secondly: What do you do when you're in front of a class and your obvious incognizance is made painfully apparent? Very poor customer service was cited as a reason (particularly from Thompson-Gale), and also the volatile nature of the current database/periodicals market. Awkward moments in front of a class are used if possible as the elusive "teachable moment", to demonstrate the "here-today, gone-tomorrow" nature of digital information, as well as how even a competent user can sometimes need help. One respondent takes the upon himself, personally, presumably to save face for the database company and the library. This is something I would probably not be willing to do.

December and January: No discussion

February's discussion topic was submitted by Charlie Cowling, Instruction and Reference Librarian at SUNY Brockport's Drake Library. He asked what librarians do when faculty schedule a traditional one-time instruction session and come without giving an assignment, or without giving the library a copy of the assignment if there is one. Revising the BI request form to encourage assignments and contacting the professors before the class were mentioned as possible ways to deal with this. Requesting a copy of the assignment can give faculty the impression that an assignment is expected. Others mentioned offering two separate types of library classes: instruction sessions for classes that have research assignments, and orientation sessions (tours, etc.) for classes which don't.

March was a lively month for discussion, with **two submitted topics**. The first was submitted by Nicki Lerczak, Head of Reference & Instruction Services at Genesee Community College, who was trying to find a way to clearly demonstrate to administrators that the “focused library orientation” has worth, other than faculty satisfaction. Are pre-and-post testing the only ways to accurately measure this? Suggestions included looking at the application of the lessons in the teacher's assignments (e.g., sources and annotations), offering “test out” options to eliminate students from the session who are already knowledgeable in research methods and then testing the others, and using a worksheet and related rubric to assess student learning.

The second March topic was submitted by Gretchen Douglas, Coordinator/Instructor of Information and Computer Literacy at SUNY Cortland. Her topic was technology training for librarians as well as student reference assistants, and she asked who conducted this training and what kind of support was available for random tech questions asked in the library. She also asked if librarians try to answer the questions which come up in a classroom setting, or do they instead refer students to other resources. Responses included discussion over whether or not it is a librarian's job to teach the use of technology, as well as the problem of technology instruction taking precedence over library instruction. Librarians often handle technology to the level they are comfortable with and then pass the question to more knowledgeable individuals, whether they be other librarians or IT people. Others handle tech questions as they would any other reference question. Some spoke of the "teachable moment" which begins with a tech question and develops into a reference question, and “other tech-initiated opportunities to draw students into what we have and what we do in libraries”. Part of the wide array of approaches among librarians to tech questions might be due to the statistics: Breakdowns of the types of reference desk questions appear to run the gamut from 10% tech and 90% library (SUNY Oswego), to 90% tech and 10% library (TCCC). Everyone responding seemed to agree that there was a limit to how much tech support we are willing to do, but that limit differs widely among librarians.

April's discussion topic was the updating of the Instruction Committee's Annotated Bibliography On The Evaluation (changed to “Assessment”) Of Library Instruction, available at <<http://myhome.sunyocc.edu/~weilera/lic/evalbib.html>>. Alice Harrington of Monroe Community College will coordinate the project, and contributors will be Lori Annesi of Monroe, Kerrie Fergen-Wilkes of Fredonia, Barbara Kobritz of TCCC, Kim Davies of Genesee, Nicki Lerczak of Genesee, and Angela Weiler of OCC. Kim Davies offered to coordinate the update of the Annotated Bibliography of Full-Text Web-Based Articles, available at <<http://myhome.sunyocc.edu/~weilera/lic/fulltext.html>>, and Sarah Moon of Finger Lakes will be helping her.

Aimee DeChambeau at Stony Brook has suggested a repository (perhaps on D-space, if feasible) for Instruction Committee members to put lesson plans, PowerPoints, handouts, etc., so that we can share materials.

A hearty congratulations is due to Kim Davies, who was the recipient this year of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Weiler, Chair
SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee

Membership Development-Emily Hart

Membership Development Committee Final Report for July 2006 – June 2007 and Goals and Objectives for 2007 - 2008

Committee Description:

The Membership Development committee shall organize and conduct membership recruitment in conjunction with the President.

Committee Chair:

Emily Hart, SUNY Oswego

Committee Members:

Carol Anne Germain - Albany
Wendy West - Albany
Jill Yaples – Binghamton
Lisa Forrest – Buffalo State
Ken Fujiuchi – Buffalo State
Cindy Maier – Corning Community
Sharon Malecki – Finger Lakes CC
Cindy Francis – Genesee Community
Kate Pitcher – Geneseo
Kim Davies Hoffman – Geneseo
Katie Donahue – Hilbert College (Associate Member)
Elizabeth Curry – Hilbert College (Associate Member)
Jenica Rogers-Urbaneck - Potsdam
Darren Chase – Stony Brook

Statement from the Membership Development Committee Chair

I would like to thank Nancy Greco for her excellent service as Membership Development Committee Chair and for her help in making my transition to committee chair, a smooth one.

I would also like to thank the committee members for their input and enthusiasm. With such a strong committee, the coming year is sure to be exciting and productive.

A new procedure was implemented this spring regarding membership numbers. Your 2006 - 2007 SUNYLA membership numbers will now be your permanent numbers that will stay with

you for as long as you're a SUNYLA member. The policy will allow the committee to more easily maintain membership records and pave the way for the possibility of implementing a variety of new membership levels.

SUNYLA finished the year with average membership numbers.

Action Items (New Business):

1. Proposal for the creation of an ad hoc committee to address membership apathy. The issues that this committee would look at are of great interest to the Membership Development Committee, but exceed the regular responsibilities of the committee.
 - a. For a description of the proposal, please see attached
2. Is there a publications budget or printing office for SUNYLA?
3. Request for an annual budget for the Membership Development Committee that would be used for:
 - a. Funding for an annual committee meeting
 - b. Developing a variety of materials that could be used for marketing and outreach
 - c. Purchasing prizes to give to members or delegates in recognition of outstanding service

Statistics:

The final statistics for the July 2006 – June 2007 membership year as of June 8, 2007, are as follows:

Total Members: 354

New Members: 50

Associate Members: 8

Our membership numbers have dropped from a total of 397 members in the July 2005 – June 2006 membership year.

Committee Report:

1. Nancy Greco stepped down as committee chair after accepting a position at St. John Fisher College, effective January 2007. Emily Hart took over as the Membership Development Committee Chair after having served on the committee for approximately 3 years.
2. The size of the committee has increased from 3 members to a total of 15 members, allowing for the creation of several subcommittees.
3. Membership Social – The Membership Development Committee took an active role in assisting with the preparations for the Membership Social at the 2007 SUNYLA Conference in Maritime.
 - a. Purchased prizes for new and returning members to be given away at the social

- b. Assisted the local arrangements committee in planning and organizing activities for the social
 - c. Purchased items for the activities and decorations for the social using conference funds
 - d. Organized a treasure hunt for new members to participate in at the social
 - e. Distributed certificates to delegates that came from library's with a high membership percentage
4. Change to permanent membership numbers
 5. Continued maintenance and cleanup of the Membership Development Committee Database
 6. Distributed membership cards and letters to new and returning members
 7. Migrated membership information to a new web location

2007-2008 Membership Development Committee Goals and Objectives:

1. Reorganize the structure of the committee by forming several subcommittees
2. Hold at least one in-person committee meeting
3. Form a proposal to request an annual budget for the Membership Development Committee that would be used for:
 - a. Funding for an annual committee meeting
 - b. Developing a variety of materials that could be used for marketing and outreach
 - c. Purchasing prizes to give to members or delegates in recognition of outstanding service
4. Investigate and form proposals to provide new options for membership renewals and dues.
5. Communicate with organizations across SUNY and beyond to investigate the potential for forming reciprocal relationships that would provide new benefits for our members.
6. Develop new, more effective methods for communicating with delegates
7. Develop more effective ways of communicating with current and renewing members
8. Revise policies and deadlines for membership renewal
9. Brainstorm ideas for better supporting new members
10. Revise and develop new publications that can be used to promote SUNYLA
11. Redesign the Membership Development Committee website

Personnel Policies-Ron Foster

Ron announced again that he needed more volunteers to work on equity issues. He also asked for seed money for reimbursement for a face-to-face committee meeting. The Board responded that they would consider the request when a formal proposal was submitted.

Personnel Policies Committee Report
June 5, 2007

I'm back for one more year.

1. The Future of the Committee

The Committee is seeking members. An announcement will be made at the Equity Panel on Thursday. So far, Corinne Nyquist (New Paltz), Holly Heller-Ross (Plattsburgh) and Joe Petrick (Alfred) have joined. Thank you!

Some suggested work for the committee is at the end of this report. I would like the Council to set aside \$500 (or some other amount) to pay for one in-person meeting; the money would pay for lunch, maybe dinner, and maybe overnight accommodations for people who live some distance from the meeting site.

2. Web Site

The committee's Web site [www.sunyla.org/ppc] was updated June 5th.

Per the Council's request, the 2002 and 2006 salary survey reports were published online March 2007. The counter on the 2006 Salary Survey page was at 526 on June 4, 2007.

3. Exit Surveys

So far, eight exit surveys have been received for 2007; five are from people retiring. A reminder was sent out on the listserv on Monday, April 30th. A summary of exit surveys (1995-2006) is on the committee's Web site.

Delegates: please encourage separating librarians to complete the exit survey. It is available on the committee's Web site both as an online form and as a pdf that can be printed out and mailed in. The form may be submitted anonymously in either format. You don't need to be a SUNYLA member to complete an exit survey.

4. Salary Survey

The manual on how to conduct the salary survey has been postponed; it is about half done. I will finish it before my term expires in June 2008.

Also, I'm reconsidering my earlier offer on conducting the data analysis for the next survey. The Council recently reversed its decision on when different groups get the survey, so the survey report will now be released to participants and non-participants at the same time. That decision makes me uncomfortable: institutions that refuse to participate in the survey should not be given the analysis at the same time as those institutions that actually participated. The report should primarily benefit the members whose work and data went into the survey, and access is an incentive to participate.

Submitted by:
Ron Foster, Chair

Work [not prioritized]

1. After the new contract has been approved by the UUP membership, the committee should coordinate for the SUNYLA president the sending out of thank you notes, e.g., to the UUP negotiating team, Patty Bentley, Fred, Floss, etc.

2. Evaluate the propriety of issuing a second cautionary press release on the 35th anniversary of SUNYLA's first one once negotiations are over, and if appropriate draft such a press release and bring it to the SUNYLA Council for action. [We need to find a real copy of the first one.]

3. Research, solicit and organize professional labor advice for SUNYLA RE: equity. This may involve the UUP and other agents; there may be a cost for the development of an equity strategy. [5-15-07: E-mailed Gordon Law at Cornell ILR library for advice.]

[5-24-07: Spoke with Lee Adler & made notes]

4. Send the equity report and equity resolution to the interim Chancellor; try to get a response to the questions asked in the report: “We respectfully request that Chancellor John R. Ryan ascertain, evaluate and report to SUNYLA on SUNY’s treatment of its librarians, and we ask that he comment in writing on the academic standing and relative worth of SUNY librarians. Specifically, we ask two questions: Why are SUNY library faculty paid less than classroom faculty, and why are SUNY library faculty not on academic year appointments? We also seek an explanation of this apparent contradiction: how can we be so vital to the University that they cannot grant us academic year obligations but so unimportant that we are consistently compensated at rates below classroom faculty levels?”

SUNYLA should pass a second resolution welcoming the Chancellor and asking for answers to these questions explicitly, i.e., the new resolution includes these questions? and other questions:

Call upon Chancellor to exercise authority under appendix A31 of the old contract.

“Finally, with the utmost respect, we ask:

1. if not equity, why not?
2. if not now, when?”

5. Organize & coordinate a campus-by-campus equity campaign.

6. Maintain the committee’s web site.

7. Strongly encourage delegates to encourage separating librarians to complete the Exit Survey. Chancellor Ryan said in response to our equity documents that librarian equity is a factor of the job market: “In short, the ability to recruit and retain librarians is primarily a matter of market conditions.” Prove to the new Chancellor that SUNY librarians are leaving for higher paying non-SUNY jobs. [Maybe the committee can give an award or certificate for the delegate who has the best response rate? How would this work?]

8. Annually update the summary of Exit Surveys.

9. The committee should discuss and clarify what our professional obligations are when our libraries are closed. The discussion should be brought to the SUNYLA Council, perhaps as a resolution with a measure, i.e., a policy or something to operationalize it. Surely, UUP can help.

10. Should the new committee have category representatives? This structure might encourage conversation both ways. It could follow the model used in some OLIS taskforces.

11. Brainstorm strategies for the implementation of a switch for librarians from 12-month contracts to 10-month contracts, in other words, facilitate the transition or the decision to transition. Previously mentioned strategies include: paying librarians extra, like classroom faculty are paid extra; giving librarians time off besides the summer, e.g., December and January. [ad hoc subcommittee?]

12. Suggestions for the future of the Salary Survey: standardize cohorts, ranks, education, and contract year. (FIT is special when it comes to contract year.) Consider streamlining the survey form. Consider using F.O.I.L. for institutions that refuse to participate. (Previous PPC reports will contain correspondence with the New York State Committee on Open Government, who oversees F.O.I.L.)

13. The new committee should re-exam the Exit Survey and balance the desire to ensure the new form gathers the data we need to support our arguments while making sure results can still be compared to previous years’ reports.

The convenience of interpreting the web form submission should be strengthened. The data that get submitted to me are ugly and cumbersome.

Consider (maybe?) changing the disclaimer to say remarks will be reported exactly as written, unless this would stop people from using the form.

14. We do nothing with other state-wide academic librarian groups (California?). Can we do something? Are they doing anything relevant to us?

15. SUNYLA does not have strong relationships with the state's MLS programs. Could something be done here? [get them while they're new and have them thinking about equity before they start their job searches.]

16. Is the Chronicle of Higher Education interested in doing a story on equity?

17. The Committee should discuss the individual campuses' policies regarding the rank of new hires, i.e., are MLS's being hired at the lowest rank while PhD's are hired one rank up?

Professional Development- Darryl Coleman

There was no written report.

1. Darryl proposed that Ed Rivenberg be awarded the Friend of SUNYLA award. The proposal was approved unanimously.
2. Darryl reported that the Professional Development Committee received seven grant applications for CIT. Six grants were awarded. The original grant allocation was for 10 grants of \$150 each.
3. Darryl moved that the remaining allocation remain with the committee. Elizabeth recommended that the committee start with a clean slate for next year, as the Treasurer's audit will require her to close out the books. The motion did not pass.

Publications & Communications-Gerry Liebowitz

SUNYLA Publications Committee
Gerald Liebowitz, Ellen McCabe, Co-Chairs

June 13, 2007

Members of the Publications Committee: Lori Annesi (Monroe), Jim Coan (Oneonta), Linda Gorman (Nassau), Gerry Liebowitz (Nassau) (co-chair), Jennifer Little (Brockport), Ellen McCabe (Cortland) (co-chair)

The May newsletter was printed and distributed in hard copy and as a PDF to the listserv. We received items from 28 campuses; we hope to hear from you for the next issue! This issue and back issues can be accessed at <http://www.sunyla.org/newsletters/> Extra copies from this latest print job will be available at SUNY Maritime for the annual conference.

400 copies of each newsletter were printed this year. The latest bill for printing was \$365.74 Most of the newsletters are sent via ILL. SUNY Brockport picks up the postage for the few that have to be mailed each time

Many thanks to Jennifer Little for handling the printing and distribution of the paper copies of the newsletter, to Gerry for the composition and editing, and to all the committee members for their contributions. This year we especially want to thank Jim Coan and Jennifer Little for coming up with budget figures for the Treasurer.

The Committee would appreciate any news or reports. The next issue due date is Sept. 15, 2007. Please send items to Gerry at leibowg@ncc.edu.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McCabe (Co-chair)

Gerald Leibowitz, Nassau Community College leibowg@ncc.edu (516) 572-7442
Ellen McCabe, SUNY College at Cortland, mccabe@cortland.edu (607) 753-4051

Web Manager-Wendy Ackerman

Wendy Ackerman submitted a proposal via D. Coleman as to whether the online membership directory should include non-members, as it is a considerable workload to update the directory when members do not renew. The proposal was tabled until next meeting since neither the Chair of Membership nor the Web Manager were present to speak to the issues.

SUNYLA Web Report June 2007
Wendi Ackerman

Status of current site:

- The list of delegates is current to my knowledge; several updates have been made in the last few weeks. Please let me know if any other updates are needed to the delegates or anywhere else on the site that I might have missed in the last link verification.
- The online directory is problematic as it much more labor-intensive to maintain than I estimated. It currently includes only members who had paid memberships last update (last summer).
 - I recommend that we change it to include everyone who had been a member in the past (with the exception of people no longer in the SUNY system), it would then be manageable as there will be considerably less maintenance required.
 - If I can locate one or two people willing to assist me with one big update to the specs above, it can be made current in a reasonable amount of time and will be manageable for me to maintain going forward. I will post the request for volunteers to the SUNYLA list after the conference.
 - The online directory will continue to be maintained at ITEC as it is a .net application; the new hosting service is a UNIX-based rather than Windows-based system and does not support .net applications.

Status of the new site:

- We have a web hosting account with siteground.com for \$5.95 a month (prepaid for two years). For more information on what this includes, see their site at http://www.siteground.com/hosting_features.htm.
- Joomla!, a content management system, is installed and I have identified some templates that I believe will suit our needs (clean, easy to use, professional looking). The SUNYLA branding will be applied to the template.

- I have registered the domain sunyla.net (it was free with the hosting plan) in order to have something to work with before moving sunyla.org to the new interface and hosting service. If you go to sunyla.net currently, you see the default Joomla! template; this is not the one that we will be using.
- ITEC, who is hosting sunyla.org currently, is considering installing Joomla! on their server in the future, so we will hopefully be able to change back to ITEC when the SiteGround hosting runs out.
- When the site is ready to go live, all of the delegates and committee chairs will be provided with a log in and will be able to edit site content.

Liaison Reports

FACT-Mark Smith

**FACT Liaison Report:
SUNYLA Conference Council Meeting: June, 2007
Mark A. Smith – SUNY Ceramics**

CIT Conference : May 29-June 1 in Plattsburgh:

- ◇ The Conference on Instructional Technology in Plattsburgh was another success. SUNYLA membership presence was healthy including both attendees and presenters. A variety of conference sessions proved that our roles as teachers, information providers, and technologists make us valued faculty partners. It is very obvious that CIT is a place to interface with a variety of university partners on issues, concepts and technology related in teaching and learning.
- ◇ Below is a sampling of library related sessions offered this year:
 - “Is There a Place for the Library in Second Life?”
 - “Information Commons: Common to the Distant Learner?”
 - “Mass Digitization and Scholarship: Attitudes on the Future of Learning Inside the Web a look at Digital Libraries and the 'Invisible' Web”
 - “Leveraging ARTstor as a Campus-wide Digital Image Library”
 - “The Renaissance Librarian: Using Web 2.0 to Rediscover the Culture of Learning in Your Library”“Podcastin' the Library Scavenger Hunt”
- ◇ Thanks again to the SUNYLA Council for authorizing funding for the Professional Development Committee to offer scholarships to attend CIT conference. Im sure the awardees appreciate the opportunity.
- ◇ It is my hope that we continue to utilize the CIT experience to present to and learn from our non-librarian colleagues through this unique and energetic forum.

SUNYLA Conference: FACT Chair Guest

- ◇ Dr. Craig Lending (Chair of FACT Advisory Council) will be our guest at Maritime. He and I will present a conference session discussing the FACT mission and its role in vision for technology across the larger university. We will also discuss opportunities and benefits of the SUNYLA-FACT relationship for SUNY libraries/librarians. In addition, this will be an opportunity for attendees to share their thoughts and provide input to Dr. Lending so that he may best understand and consider the library perspective on university-wide technology initiatives.

5.2 SAC-Dave Ritchie

Report to SUNYLA from the SUNYConnect Advisory Council – June 11, 2007

The future of Aleph/ the future of OPAC's – During this past year, the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services and the SUNYConnect Advisory Council have been looking more closely at these issues, though perhaps not in such stark terms. OLIS and SUNY are hampered by a lack of qualified staff to troubleshoot and support all the complexities of the Aleph library management system (simplified down to acquisitions, serials, cataloging, circulation, OPAC display/functioning, and systems) in some 60 slightly-different to vastly-different instances at SUNY campuses. OLIS and SAC are also reacting to the expressed time constraints, steep learning curves, the decay of learned capabilities through infrequent use, staff turnover, and lack of qualified staff at SUNY campuses to maintain and support their individual Aleph system instances.

These issues are being investigated on several fronts by SAC and OLIS, and reflect three principles agreed on at the April SUNY Council of Library Directors meeting:

- Consider the print holdings of SUNY libraries as a single collection
- Strive to license electronic resources with a single University contract rather than multiple campus contracts
- Seek to reduce the number of library processing centers with the University.

SUNY shared-instance consortial architecture – Ex Libris had indicated that resolving down to a shared bibliographic database with a single bib record for each title (having multiple campus holdings and items attached to it) might result in some savings. [NB: A single bib record for each work in a shared SUNY-wide bibliographic database does not imply that only a single copy would be held in SUNY for each of those works. Multiple copies, residing at different SUNY campuses, would be attached to many of those single bib records. –dr] OLIS requested that Ex Libris indicate what level and what kinds of savings could be reaped from changing the way the Aleph systems were set up in SUNY. In the absence of complete data, this investigation has been postponed. The future of the Aleph software itself is limited in time -- Ex Libris has purchased the Endeavor company, a rival library management software vendor, and the “end” of the Aleph software line as we know it has been projected.

A single style of webOPAC – since many of the customizations done at campuses relate to the search options and the display of search options and the data retrieved, “standardizing” on a single OPAC style would lessen the impact on OLIS staff for support and maintenance and, if accepted at the campus, would lessen or eliminate the campus staff needed to tweak or customize the OPAC. At the June SAC meeting, Project Director Maureen Zajkowski indicated that, under a proposed standardized web OPAC, campuses would have continue to have unique indexes, logos and colors, local navigation links, virtual bases, error messages and help text, and 856 fields. With several new concepts and products on the market, it is no longer necessary that the OPAC display be an Aleph product – and the recent OCLC presentation at the SCLD Conference was just one possible avenue and product for future consideration.

Managed Services pilot – starting with certain “systems librarian” functions, OLIS proposed that SUNY libraries could have their systems functions performed at a central level off campus. Several SUNY libraries have taken them up on the offer, and those pilot projects will be reaching the six-month mark (of a one-year trial period) in late summer.

One example of the awareness of the systems burden around SUNY was illustrated recently. Given the heavy burden on any SUNY library for openURL resolution management using the SFX software, when the OLIS staff member who currently manages the openURL SFX functions for a group of 15 or so SUNY libraries announced he was leaving OLIS to pursue further education, OLIS promoted the addition of more inclusive vendor management for the openURL resolver to SUNY libraries in the upcoming contract by proposing a more vendor-managed software application. The Serials Solutions 360Link product was also projected to reduce the labor for individual campus staffs. SAC supported this move. It was announced at the June SAC meeting that all but two SUNY libraries have agreed to this change at a slightly higher out-of-pocket cost.

Troubleshooting and supporting Aleph – OLIS staff currently accept Footprints requests for troubleshooting needs and support issues experienced by SUNY libraries, and the service provided is very satisfactory to the majority of SUNY libraries who responded to a Feb 2007 survey about that. However the load on OLIS staff is significant and is keeping those staff from more long-term support and advanced investigations. Since Ex Libris has been and is continuing to be contracted by SUNY for first-line support through their CRM system, OLIS is looking at how to encourage SUNY libraries to use Ex Libris for first-line response to their needs. OLIS is drafting guidelines as to the level of Aleph support to provide to campuses NOT in Managed Services (more on the initial analysis before recommending that campuses submit to the CRM system; troubleshooting web OPAC functionality but not customizations; charging fees for certain training and analyses).

Centralized technical services – starting with acquisitions and going through cataloging and optionally including processing (though probably not payment), one centralized

technical services department could take this part of the technical services burden from several SUNY libraries. SUNY Fredonia successfully arranged with SUNY Binghamton to try out such a fee-based arrangement. Library directors from the university centers will be meeting with their own staffs to begin discussing what the possibilities might be, and responding back to OLIS some time this summer.

Databases and electronic resources – With the Science Direct contract coming up in the next year or so, the SCAC (SUNY Collections and Access Committee of the university centers) has been looking at various models to make the burden more equitable. Also announced at the June SAC meeting was that a PsycInfo/PsycArticle contract looked like a very good possibility, based on the campus responses.

SUNY Digital Library Plan – This proposal is being re-worked so that it can be presented to the Provost and interim Chancellor in time for the fall funding cycle beginning the 2008-09 SUNY fiscal year. It will need to be presented to campus presidents as well. Stay tuned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ritchie

SUNYLA representative to SUNYConnect Advisory Council, 2005-07

5.3 NYLink-Anne Gunning

There was open discussion regarding WorldCat.org and whether SUNYLA should “take a stand” and pursue the issue further. Ann reiterated that WorldCat.org holdings displays are tied to FirstSearch subscriptions. Consensus was that Ann had been diligent in taking our concerns forward to OCLC, and that the board was thankful for her efforts. It was decided to wait and see what Matt Goldner had to say about WorldCat.org at the keynote luncheon.

Nylink Liaison Report

SUNYLA EXECUTIVE BOARD / COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2007

Submitted by Ann Gunning

Follow-up from March 16, 2007, SUNYLA board/council meeting regarding discussion about OCLC’s Open-Web Interface to WorldCat, WorldCat.org:

Re: Concern about enhancements being made to WorldCat.org, but not to FirstSearch:

A “Cite This Item” bibliography feature had been added early this year to WorldCat.org and as a result, several people, including Bill Drew at SUNY Morrisville as well as Nylink staff and others outside of the Nylink/New York State library community, questioned OCLC as to why

this feature was not also included in FirstSearch. This concern was heard by a variety of managers and executives at OCLC.

In mid-April, OCLC responded by adding the “Cite This Item” feature to FirstSearch – specifically to the WorldCat, Ebooks and WorldCat Dissertations databases. Citations for a selected record are provided in five common styles: APA, Chicago, Harvard, MLA and Turabian. Users can copy and paste a citation in the desired format into a bibliography.

Re: Voicing concerns to OCLC about the WorldCat.org business model:

Kathleen Gundrum, Nylink’s Interim Executive Director, forwarded to Chip Nilges, Vice President of Business Development at OCLC, details shared by Ann Gunning regarding specific concerns expressed at the March 16 SUNYLA board/council meeting. Since then, Chip has been a guest presenter at the SUNY Council of Library Directors meeting (April 2007).

Re: Availability of statistics to assess the effectiveness of WorldCat.org in leading users from the Web to individual libraries:

Library staff can access the “WorldCat.org Clicks to Libraries Report” for their library by going to the OCLC Usage Statistics site at <http://www.stats.oclc.org> and logging in with any of the following types of OCLC authorizations: FirstSearch (use administrative module or statistics password), cataloging, or resource sharing (ILL). Once inside the statistics site, click on the WorldCat.org tab. Statistics are available by month and break down the click-throughs by several categories including click-throughs to the library catalog. Questions about accessing or interpreting the statistics can be addressed with Joyce Rambo at Nylink (800-342-3353; ramboj@nylink.org).

Nylink Events and Happenings

The **New York State Resource Sharing Summit** was held June 5-6 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Coordinated by Nylink, this summit explored successful resource sharing models and programs, best practices, the future of resource sharing, and collaboration by libraries in New York State. SUNY Geneseo’s Ed Rivenburgh, Director of Milne Library, was among the presenters, and Sonja Landes, Head of Access Services at Milne, served on the planning committee.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

Special training event -- Metadata and Digital Library Development, co-sponsored with ALCTS (Association for Library Collections & Technical Services), July 26-27, Mid-Manhattan Library, New York City. In an applied, exercise-based context, this two-day workshop will introduce practicing catalogers to metadata implementation considerations and processes in a digital library development context. The goal of the workshop is to prepare attendees to serve as metadata specialists in digital library projects. More information available at http://nylink.org/events/meta_dig07.cfm.

We are finalizing our regular training calendar for July-September. New offerings include webinar series that feature such topics as reinventing library spaces, protecting patrons’ privacy,

best practices in reference, and digitization. Further details will be available soon at the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.org/education/>.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES:

Electronic Enlightenment

Electronic Enlightenment, an online resource from Oxford University Press, is coming soon and will be available through Nylink. *EE* will offer access to the full critical editions of the letters of more than 3,800 writers including Addison, Bentham, Boswell, Defoe, Hobbes, Hume, Kant, Locke, Pope, Rousseau, Smith, Swift, Sterne and Voltaire. Consisting of over 75,000 letters from more than 60 critical editions, *EE* will also have links to the *Dictionary of National Biography* and the *Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment*. More information at <http://www.oup.com/online/ee/>, or contact services@nylink.org.

Early Adopter Discounts – Oxford University Press

Take a chance and sign up for any of OUP's upcoming databases (see list below) **before July 1**, sight unseen, and **get an additional 10% off**. Nylink can give tentative quotes (pricing is not completely finalized, though any changes are likely to be minimal) for all but the *Oxford Language Dictionaries Online*. Contact services@nylink.org for a quote or more information.

- *Electronic Enlightenment* (September) <http://www.oup.com/online/ee/>
- *Oxford Language Dictionaries Online* (August) <http://www.oup.com/online/oldo/>
- *Encyclopedia of Popular Music Online* (September) <http://www.oup.com/online/epm/>
- *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* (October) <http://www.oup.com/online/islam/>

Nylink NetLibrary Shared Collection 6 Now Open to Participants

Nylink, in partnership with OCLC NetLibrary, is offering the Nylink Shared Collection 6 for a limited time, now through **June 27, 2007**. This new collection contains titles not currently appearing in previous Nylink Shared Collections. The pool of 410 possible titles for Nylink Shared Collection 6 have been carefully selected by NetLibrary staff collection development librarians to develop an up-to-date set of content geared primarily to academic undergraduate programs, although any type of library is eligible to participate. Subject areas include the arts, business, economics and management, education, computer science, history, and political and social sciences. **The initial offering of Nylink Shared Collection 6 will be limited to the first 15 libraries that commit to participate.** The pool of 410 titles is the maximum possible size of the collection. The final size of the collection will be determined by level of participation and may include fewer titles.

Pricing ranges from \$2,500 - \$4,000 for 2- and 4-year academic libraries, with pricing also available for public libraries and K-12 schools. Please visit http://nylink.org/reference/netli_share6.cfm for more information, and to place your order online.

OCLC FirstSearch Per-Search: Order now for current-year pricing

If you use any of the more than 30 databases that are available on the OCLC FirstSearch service through the per-search option, you may want to plan for next year's usage now and purchase additional searches at current-year prices: \$475 per block of 500 for OCLC members and \$550 for non-members. There will be a slight price increase effective July 1, 2007: a block of 500 searches will be \$500 for OCLC members and \$575 for non-members. To order more searches, please complete the form at http://nylink.org/reference/pdf/fs_order.pdf. Fax your order to Nylink at (518) 432-4346 **by June 29, 2007**, to lock in current-year pricing.

5.4 NY3Rs- Nancy Howe

There was no report from the NY3Rs.

5.5 OLIS-John Schumacher

John reported that he was having difficulty subscribing to the SerialsSolutions mailing list. He asked the Board if there were any members interested in having OLIS create a SerialsSolutions list, and if so, should it be limited to just 360 Link or all Serials Solutions products. Consensus of the group was yes they'd like OLIS to set up such a list, and that it should be inclusive of all Serials Solutions products.

SUNY Office of Library and Information Services
Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
John Schumacher (john.schumacher@suny.edu)
June 13, 2007

SUNYConnect LMS

- ALEPH "service packs" have been applied to the shared systems. Project completed May 23, 2007.
- The OLIS and ITEC have begun analysis related to ALEPH v.18. It is projected that the actual campus upgrades will begin next year, perhaps starting in first quarter 2008.
- A significant change in the SUNYConnect LMS architecture now seems unlikely.
- The pilot project for managed ALEPH services is underway. This involves Clinton, Niagara, Purchase, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester
- The Shared Services Task Force is reviewing guidelines and parameters related to ALEPH support services.

OpenURL Link Resolver

- SUNY has signed a three-year agreement with Serials Solutions for their hosted and managed 360 Link system (formerly Article Linker).
- Three SUNYConnect libraries have opted not to participate; indication is that all others will use 360 Link.
- Many campuses are well along or have completed implementation of the software.
- Current agreement for SFX ends July 1, 2007.

Electronic Resources

- Information about current database trials as well as electronic resources with special SUNYConnect pricing can be found at <http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/dbtrials.htm>
Contact John Schumacher for more information or if your library is interested in any of the resources/offers.
- Current database trials and offers include Annual Reviews, Early English Books Online, various resources from Gale (Biography Resource Center, LitFinder, Nursing Resource Center, Opposing Viewpoints' Critical Learning Module, Small Business Resource Center), OVID e.books and journals.
- Process is well underway polling campuses about renewing Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. The goal is to have continuing SUNYConnect-wide access as well as discounts (off per-campus costs). Some new participants have joined the buying club.
- Approximately 25 SUNY libraries have expressed some level of interest in the PSYCInfo/PSYCArticles resources via EBSCO. EBSCO is working with those campuses directly with the possibility of reduced charges.
- Information and links to technical support and other support-related resources for the SUNYConnect databases can be found at <http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/refrestechsup.htm>

SUNY Digital Repository

- *The SUNY Community Colleges: An Oral History of the First 30 Years*, Neal Robbins, editor. The collection includes text transcripts of interviews as well as audio files (for some of the interviews). <http://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/41212>
- Brockport's Writer's Forum collection <http://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/29064> (a collection of streaming video).
- Stony Brook has been adding collections and content -- <http://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/406>
- Optometry is in the process of adding graduate work (theses and dissertations) to the repository. <http://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/37397>

OLIS

- Carey Hatch continues to split his time between duties as Assistant Provost for Library and Information Services and Interim Director for SUNY Learning Network.

SUNYConnect Information / Resources

- For additional information about SUNYConnect <http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/>
<http://sefer.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/olis/sunyergy/default.htm>
- OLIS' Footprints Service Request System <http://service.sunyconnect.suny.edu/footprints/help.html>
- SUNYConnect union catalog

<http://union.sunyconnect.suny.edu:8080/F>

5.6 UUP-John Schumacher

UUP Liaison Report
John Schumacher (Central@uupmail.org)
SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
June 13, 2007



United University Professions (UUP) is the union representing more than 32,000 faculty and professionals on 29 State University of New York campuses, plus the New York State Theatre Institute. UUP is affiliated with the New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

Contract Negotiations

- Contract proposals were exchanged April 19, 2007. The proposals are included in the May/June issue of *The Voice* [after page 12] (found online at <http://www.uupinfo.org/voice/mayjune/07/0507.pdf>)
- UUP's proposal includes "Address the long-term equity and lack of parity experienced by librarians."
- Gary Johnson is the new director for the Governor's Office of Employee Relations.
- Academic Vice-President Fred Floss is Chief Negotiator for UUP. Reach Fred at 800-342-4206 or ffloss@uupmail.org

SUNY Hospitals

- Support your colleagues at the SUNY hospitals. Contact your representatives and let them know that the SUNY hospitals should remain as public institutions. Send a fax via <http://www.uupinfo.org> or call 1-877-255-9417. And, please sign the petition at <http://www.saveupstate.com/>

Political Action

- Thanks to everyone for their participation in UUP (SUNY) Advocacy Days, especially the March 13, 2007 Librarian Day. This helped to generate additional support for SUNY's operating budget (nearly 161 million dollars).

Higher Education Commission

- Bill Scheuerman has been appointed to the governor's commission on higher education (<http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release07/commissionappt.html>)
The governor's executive order is available at http://www.ny.gov/governor/executive_orders/exeorders/14.pdf). Commission members

are listed at <http://nyshei.wordpress.com/2007/05/29/governor-announces-public-higher-education-commission/>

Resolution in Support of Open Access

- The UUP Technology Issues Committee is considering a resolution in support of open access to scholarly communication. David Solomonoff (Downstate) is involved in this effort.

NYSUT Member Assistance Program (Benefits)

- “Through this e-mail-based program:
 - You’ll be among the first to hear about new, endorsed programs and program updates.
 - You’ll receive special offers.
 - You’ll help us test out potential new programs and give us your feedback.
 - We’ll ask for your opinions on new programs under consideration.

If you join MAP by July 2, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of two Kodak Easy-Share digital cameras” See http://www.nysut.org/cps/rde/xchg/nysut/hs.xsl/3455_7101.htm for more information and sign up form.

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6.0 Old Business

There was no old business.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Library Software Users Group

Andy Perry (New Paltz) has been appointed Chair of the Library Software Users Group (LiSUG)

Andy announced that the first LiSUG Conference would be held at Cobleskill on Oct. 5th. The program will include sessions beyond ALEPH. Call-for-proposals will go out soon.

Marc asked what type of financial assistance would be needed. Andy moved (Charlotte Cooper seconded) that SUNYLA provide \$1200 for seed money. The motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Resolution in Appreciation of Frank Mols

Marc read the final draft of the proposal to the Board. Jenica Rogers-Urbaneck moved to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

SUNYLA Resolution in Appreciation to Frank Mols

Whereas, The SUNYLA discussion list has been a vital resource for facilitating communication among SUNY librarians for many years;

Whereas, The SUNYLA listserv has been a cutting edge communication tool, way before “social software” was ever invented;

Whereas, Frank Mols was instrumental in getting the SUNYLA discussion list activated and supported;

RESOLVED, The SUNYLA membership expresses its gratitude to Frank Mols for his foresight and diligent efforts to implement the SUNYLA listserv and to facilitate its continued use over the years; and further

RESOLVED, While the members of SUNYLA are saddened by Frank's departure from the SUNY system, they wish him success in his new career as a library director.

7.3 Membership Ad Hoc Committee Proposal:

Ad Hoc Committee Proposal:

Respectfully submitted by:

Kimberly Davies Hoffman
Marc Wildman
Emily Hart

We would like to propose the creation of an ad hoc committee to address recent concerns with the lack of member involvement in SUNYLA.

Committee Chair:

Kimberly Davies Hoffman

Committee Members:

The committee should consist of approximately ??? members. A call for volunteers will be sent out to the SUNYLA list and announced at the SUNYLA Council Meeting at Maritime. The committee chair may also appointment members to the committee.

1. Marc Wildman
2. Emily Hart

Committee Charge:

The committee will investigate membership apathy by surveying our members. Based on member responses, the committee will come up with several proposals for plans to revitalize membership involvement in SUNYLA. The committee will propose plans and possibly take the lead on implementing some of the proposals. They can also charge other SUNYLA committees with taking the lead on a proposal if it fits with the chosen committee's description or propose the creation of new committees to help meet the changing needs of our members.

More specifically, the committee will address the following concerns that have been raised by our members:

- Delegate participation and understanding of the SUNYLA governing body and bylaws
- Lack of compensation or credit towards tenure for members who participate as a SUNLA delegate, SUNYLA Officer, or serve on one of the SUNYLA committees
- Lack of focus on the development and education of our newer members
- [Please add more here...](#)

Member Ideas for Addressing Membership Apathy:

Based on recent discussions, a list of ideas collected from several SUNYLA members aimed at stimulating member participation was generated. The ideas will be further explored by the committee.

1. Membership survey
2. Programs for new members
 - a. Resume review or career services for new librarians
3. Restructuring of SUNYLA Council meetings
 - a. Workshops before or after to promote higher attendance

- b. Credit for delegates, especially those who are untenured
 - c. Funding for librarians that have to travel long distances to the council meetings
 - d. Incentives for librarians who attend the meetings, individual prizes or prizes such as software or a subscription that delegates could win for their library. Get vendor donations.
 - e. Host meetings at a different campus each meeting or revisit the idea of video conferencing.
4. Develop a new website for marketing and member contributions/collaboration (how about a web committee)
 5. Mission statement??
 - a. Do we have a mission statement...if we do, how is it used?
 - b. Mission statement would be helpful for marketing purposes and for maintaining focus and future direction
 6. New SUNYLA logo?
 7. Training programs given by directors and SUNYLA officers for members (train SUNYLA members to become directors/SUNYLA officers)
 8. Committee for Member Concerns and future of SUNYLA
 - a. Responsible for communicating with members and dispensing information to committees to address member needs
 - b. Committee should be responsible for making sure that a portion of each council meeting is devoted to discussing new objectives and supporting members
 9. Compensation for SUNYLA officers (Incentives) (especially untenured faculty)
 - a. \$
 - b. Release time
 - c. Education/training opportunities
 10. Career advancement - training programs for librarians interested in advancing in libraries, specifically SUNY libraries
 11. Publishing workshop/group – geared towards untenured librarians
 12. \$/funding - for meetings/lunch/travel for non-council, director, or officer committees in SUNYLA
 13. Brainstorming for creation of new committees or restructuring of old committees
 - a. Creation of committees that focus on the day-to-day duties and familiar issues of SUNYLA members
 - b. New initiatives (ANGEL, tutorials, DSpace, etc).
 14. Committee for Grants
 - a. Give grants to librarians in SUNYLA who will put on training sessions for other SUNY librarians, (ex: FACT)
 - b. Work with the SUNYLA Professional Development Committee
 15. SUNYLA printer (Do we have one?)
 - a. A place we can get the SUNYLA logo printed on envelopes, letterhead, etc. (helpful with marketing and communication)

7.4 Lunch expenditure

It was proposed that SUNYLA pick up the tab for lunch for the Sept. Executive Board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.