

SUNY Librarians Association
Executive Board Meeting March 15, 2007
SUNY Cortland

Attending: D. Coleman (Fredonia), N. Howe (CNY Library Resources), A. Weiler (OCC), K. Shockey (Oswego), G. Toth (Brockport), D. Harms (Cortland), J. Schumacher (OLIS), M. Smith (Alfred Ceramics), C. A. Germain (Albany), G. Bobish (Albany), J. Petrick (Alfred State), S. Dixon (Delhi), C. Laier (Schnectady), D. Lewis (TCCC), M. Wildman (Cortland), D. Eckenrode (Fredonia), R. Foster (Utica), A. Davies (Cobleskill), B. Drew (Morrisville), L. Galloway (ESF), W. Ackerman (Upstate), J. Potter (Geneseo), A. Gunning (NYLINK), **Recording Secretary:** M. Hebert (Potsdam).

Marc Wildman announced that due to the inclement weather, the agenda is revised so that new business items could be dealt with prior to the reports.

Agenda:

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7.0 New Business

- [SUNYAUG/SUNYLA Merger](#) – Marianne Hebert
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- [Web Content Management System](#) – Wendy Ackerman

Minutes of September 22, 2006 were approved with minor changes.

Announcements:

- Albany: Searches are underway for an ILL technician (interviews were held last week); Instructional and Reference Support Associate; and Head of Systems. A resolution on equity was passed at the last campus Faculty Senate meeting.
- Alfred Ceramics: Elizabeth Gulacsy is retiring in Spring 2008. A new Public Services Librarian (Mark McBride) has been hired.
- Brockport: Search is underway for Library Director, hoping to have the position filled by late Summer or Fall. Campus is sponsoring a COCID conference on the use of course management systems such as Angel.
- Cobleskill: A presidential search is underway, with interview scheduled in March. Library has set up a subscription plan for the McNaughton Collection for popular reading.
- Cortland: Construction for the new learning commons has begun. A new technology trainer has been hired. Discretionary salary increase of \$300 for librarians was originally denied, then reinstated by the College president. Cortland is also circulating iPods.
- Delhi: Recently hired a Web Librarian. Delhi is also undergoing a Middle States Self Study review.
- ESF: Library renovations for new carpets, furniture and a redesign of the reference desk are being planned.
- Fredonia: A search is underway for an Educational Technologist. Grant money has enabled an iPod pilot project for popular title audiobooks from iTunes.
- Fredonia: Library has received a grant to purchase circulating iPods. Funding includes ~20 titles from iTunes audiobooks. The project includes two videopods, but no content yet.
- Morrisville: Bill Drew has set up a Library2.0 online community at ning.com.
- NYLINK: Director Mary Alice Lynch has retired. Kathleen Gundrum is serving as interim director. A national search is underway for the director position. Donna Dixon has been promoted to Director of Member Services. Jennifer Hawkes is the new OCLC Services Program Development Librarian.
- OCC: Newly constructed residences halls are open for the first time.
- OLIS: Andy Perry has resigned from OLIS to become the new Systems Librarian at New Paltz. There are no plans to replace his .5 FTE position at this time.
- Oswego: Two searches are underway: Head of Access Services and Head of Collection development.
- Potsdam: Local chapter of UUP has endorsed the librarian's call for equity regarding salaries and workload.

- Schenectady: Recently hired a part-time Adjunct Librarian. The College Academic Dean recently retired.
- Tomkins: Library renovation for an information commons construction schedule has been accelerated to May 10th.
- Upstate: Search is underway for an Archivist.
- Utica: Faculty Senate passed a motion for a Standing Committee to evaluate administrators. Librarians met with the Vice President for Academic Affairs on equity issues. The presidential search is on hold.

New Business:

SUNYLA/SUNYAUG Merger - BYLAWS AMENDMENT

- There was brief discussion on the feasibility of having LiSUG as a sub-committee under the IT Committee. Marianne Hebert reported that the SUNYLA/SUNYAUG Ad Hoc Committee considered the idea and consulted with Bill Drew, but felt that as a sub-committee LiSUG would be too restricted if it had to go through the IT Committee for all decisions such as funding requests and changes to its structure and or mission, especially considering the difficulty the IT committee was having with its current lack of participation.

Marianne Hebert made a motion (Bill Drew seconded) to put the following bylaws amendment on the ballot for the SUNYLA Spring elections:

Add Section b.7. to SUNYLA By-Laws: Article V, Standing Committees, section B, Duties: b.7. Library Software Users Group

The Library Software Users Group (LiSUG) shall encourage discussion and education within and between interest groups of SUNY librarians and staff, each group organized around the common interest in a software system or package which is used by some SUNY libraries. The Library Software Users Group shall establish and maintain formal lines of communication with the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), the various vendors, and appropriate other users groups, and shall facilitate enhancements and/or other feedback to the appropriate license holder(s), sponsoring organization, or vendor. The Library Software Users Group shall arrange meetings or conferences as needed, one a year at minimum, to pursue the purposes of the Library Software Users Group. (Motion approved March 6, 2007 by Ad Hoc Transition Committee).

The motion was approved: 22 Ayes. One opposed. No abstentions.

SUNYLA-L Listserv Archives

Marianne Hebert announced that an archive to the SUNYLA-L listserv has been made available by Frank Mols at the University of Binghamton. The archives only go back as far as March 2007 as the archiving feature of the listserv had not been turned on until then. Marianne asked whether the archive should be made available and to whom: to everyone on the list? or just SUNYLA members? It was agreed that the archives should be made available to everyone. Marianne will distribute access information to the SUNYLA-Llistserv.

Ad hoc Equity Committee report

Ron Foster reminded the board that he is maintaining an equity blog (<http://sunyequity.blogspot.com/>) to track progress and challenges to the Equity campaign. If anyone has any anecdotes or facts regarding the equity campaign on their campus, he would be interested in posting that information to his blog. He also has more equity buttons if anyone wants to bring them back to their campuses.

Ron queried the board regarding the future of the Ad Hoc Equity Committee. He thinks that there is more work to be done. He suggested several items:

- A 35th anniversary cautionary press release similar to the one published 35 years ago cautioning prospective SUNYLA librarians that if they apply for positions in SUNY, they are likely to experience inequity in salary, contract year obligations and status.
- Educate librarians as to what equity is (e.g. panel discussions at conferences)
- Could the equity issue be folded into the Personnel Policies Committee?

Bill Drew suggested we wait until the Fall Executive Board meeting to answer the question as to the continuation of the Ad Hoc Equity Committee. It was agreed that the Ad Hoc Committee would continue, and report its findings at the Fall meeting.

WorldCat.org

There was general discussion regarding the recent “Cite this item” enhancement in Open WorldCat. The major concern is that OCLC is developing a free internet version of WorldCat that has enhanced search features that are not available in the subscription based, FirstSearch version of WorldCat. Bill Drew reported on his email query to George Needham whose response was the issue was being forwarded to development. Ann Gunning reported that NYLINK does not have an answer to the problem but noted that OCLC was aware of member concerns. Ann also provided some background on the business model of Open WorldCat, namely that open WorldCat is intended to guide users to member libraries. April Davies commented that as members we contribute cataloging records, pay NYLINK membership fees and OCLC subscription fees for the FirstSearch version. It was suggested that OCLC members were paying twice for access to WorldCat. Bill Drew stated that we need statistics to prove that open WorldCat was in reality bringing users to our libraries. Marianne Hebert suggested that rather than bringing our campus users to our campus libraries, Open WorldCat is increasing our ILL lending costs. Marc Wildman queried the Board as to whether SUNYLA should take a stance. Ann Gunning agreed to take our concerns back to NYLINK. Bill Drew noted that OCLC was very quick to respond to his query.

Web Management Proposal

Wendy Ackerman reported on her [proposal](#) to implement a content management system (Joomla!) for the SUNYLA website, which would allow individual SUNYLA members to update information. Committee pages could be moved to one server and it would provide consistency for a more professional look if we apply templates. ITEC is considering implementing a content management system in the next two years, but until then we should go with a commercial service. Bill Drew agreed to serve as backup. There was some concern about quality control if every SUNYLA member had permission to edit pages. It was agreed that editing permissions would be restricted to campus delegates and committee members.

Wendy made a motion to move the SUNYLA membership to a web content management system and to allocate \$5.00 per month to SiteGround.com to host the organization web site. The motion was unanimously approved. None opposed. No abstentions.

SUNYLA Conference 2008

Marianne Hebert reported that Potsdam was willing to host SUNYLA 2008. Angela Weiler noted that OCC was also willing, but suggested they wait until 2009, as their new dorms had just opened, and it might be wise to wait a year to break them in. It was agreed that Potsdam should host the 2008 conference. This item will be voted on at the June meeting.

Officer Reports:

President-Marc Wildman

- Marc announced he was planning to attend the upcoming SCoLC meeting. Ron Foster made a motion (Bill Drew seconded) to allocation \$275 from the budget so Marc could attend. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Library Lobby Day was held on the March 13th in Albany. Several SUNY Librarians attended. As a representative from SUNYLA, Marc supported NYLA's proposal for coordinated collection development for academic libraries.
- Marc reported on his signing the SCoLD letter to the Governor requesting that an academic librarian be appointed to the Commission for Higher Education. Bill Drew suggested that such letters be brought before the board before being signed. Marc agreed to post the letter to the Executive Board list.

SUNYLA President's Report

March 16th, 2007

Many things have been progressing since the last council meeting on September 22nd, 2006 at Cortland. It is still distressing that no one has offered to run for the SUNYLA Executive Board. I ask that all delegates seek one nomination for a position from each college. Participation in SUNYLA is an excellent way to fulfill the service requirement for continuing appointment and promotion. Plans continue to be finalized for the upcoming annual conference at Maritime. Please make sure you mark your calendars to attend this exciting and educational conference. Other items of business have been:

- The SUNYLA Ad Hoc Equity report, resolution, and a cover letter was sent to the Chancellor Ryan, Bill Scheureman, President of UUP, and Fred Floss the Chief Negotiator for the contract negotiations. A Copy of the report was also sent to the SCoLD Executive Committee. I received responses from both the Chancellor, and Bill Scheureman.
- I was contacted by Pamela Sandoval, Assistant Provost, P-16 Education who was redesigning and updating the web site for the criteria for Distinguished Professor. The site previously had omitted the listing and criteria for Distinguished Librarian and has now been added. The criteria are also available from the SUNYLA web site. An informal survey from the SUNYLA list serve

indicates that we currently have three active Distinguished Librarians Cerise Oberman and Carla Hendrix from Plattsburgh, and Lorraine Weberg at FIT.

- On December 15th I participated in a SCoLD Executive Board conference call meeting. The majority of the agenda was devoted to the annual meeting to be held April 18th-20th and by-law revisions. I will be attending the annual meeting as the representative from SUNYLA.
- I was contacted by Kathleen Miller, NYLA Legislative Committee Chairperson and met with Jean Currie, Executive Director of South Central Regional Library Council who asked that SUNY Librarians who attended the March 13th Library Lobby Day in Albany to include the NYLA proposal for a 100% increase in coordinated collection development aid for academic libraries. I included this issue as part of my group's discussions in the legislative office building. I was fortunate that several of the Legislators were on the State Library Committee.
- SCoLD Chair Carla Johnson composed a letter to Governor Spitzer requesting that an academic librarian be represented on the Commission on Public Higher Education. NYSHEI received a positive response for their request and asked for SCoLD's support. The letter was signed by both Carla for SCoLD, and me on behalf of SUNYLA.
- Nancy Motondo, CIT Conference Director asked that I and promote the CIT 2007 conference at SUNY Plattsburgh May 29-June 1. This year's theme is Technology and the Future of Academe examining how the rapid evolution of technology will affect institution of higher education in the future.
- Darryl Coleman (Fredonia,) has replaced Alice Harrington as the Chair of the Professional Development Committee.
- Emily Hart (Oswego) has replaced Nancy Greco as Chair of the Membership Development Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Wildman
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First Vice President-Joe Petrick

- There is a recent article in NY Teacher regarding Fredonia's faculty advocating for SUNY Libraries.
- There have been several SUNY Faculty Senate activities regarding library resources and funding. The Senate has put out several "white papers" on resources and cooperative collection development. Although the Senate passed two resolutions last year regarding SUNY libraries, the Chancellor did not request additional funding for libraries. College

presidents were asked for “wish lists” from campuses. Joe reported he would like to see college presidents ask for funding for SUNY libraries. He will revisit this question in June.

- SUNYLA elections will be held in April. Joe still needs nominations for 1st Vice President and President. Bill Drew recommended that current campus delegates consider running for office. Delegates who attend Executive Board meetings have familiarity with the organization, and it would be a good opportunity to get leadership experience.

1st Vice-President/President Elect Report

SUNYLA Executive Board Meeting

March 16, 2007

At previous SUNYLA board meetings I have discussed situations arising from my involvement with SUNY University Faculty Senate, particularly in regards to the Library Subcommittee of the Operations Committee. Over the course of the last two years, the Operations Committee of UFS has put forward two resolutions on library funding that were passed unanimously. To the best of our knowledge SUNY System Administration had taken no action on those resolutions, even though the dollar amounts under discussion came from within System Administration.

At the recent UFS Plenary at Stony Brook, as representative to the Executive Board of UFS I had the opportunity to publicly address the Chancellor. In regards to library funding, I read the following:

"Presidents of colleges will seek money for capital improvements and more faculty rather than such things as increased library resources. As evidence of this, it has been pointed out to the University Senate Operations Committee that your budget request above 'base' to the New York State Legislature was determined by requests from the campus presidents, and thus had no component for increased library funding in what has been characterized as an aggressive budget request. Further, it has been pointed out to the Executive Committee of University Senate that there has been a timetable for such requests from presidents. Thus, University Faculty Senate passed resolutions regarding an increase of library resources that appear to be useless, since they exist outside the presidential budget request process. I cordially suggest that better communication with faculty on system governance issues occur, so that misunderstandings between faculty and administration can be avoided. I would also suggest, as I have above with the recommendation about possible faculty and staff participation in a sector mission review, that as the Provost's Office evaluates models for library service in SUNY, it give consideration to consulting with University Faculty Senate, the SUNY Librarian's Association, the SUNY Council of Library Directors, and other stakeholder groups concerning the future of library services to the State University of New York."

In order that the context of this message be understood, I have attached the full text of my concerns to the Chancellor. I might note that although I was addressing the Chancellor, I made reference to potential action by the Provost's Office. A new chancellor notwithstanding, I would also suggest that it might be useful for SUNYLA to consider a dialogue with the Provost's Office about SUNY libraries.

On a related topic, last year a committee was formed in reaction to the potential activities of UFS in discussing cooperative collection development. The discussion in UFS appears to have stalled, and thus the committee has been inactive.

In other news, as you will have seen, I have issued to SUNYLA delegates a call for nominations for the offices of 1st Vice President, Secretary, 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair, and Treasurer. I have also announced the upcoming vacancy of the Chair of the Personnel Policies Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe

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Second Vice President-Carol Anne Germain

- Progress on the upcoming SUNYLA conference:
- So far, there are 32 conference and 8 pre-conference sessions but poster session proposals were few. The poster session proposal forms will be available on the web site until May.
- The keynote speaker, Matt Goldner from OCLC will be speaking on resource sharing.
- Maritime has a very small staff, so they are seeking volunteers to help with local arrangements.
- Dorm rooms will cost \$60 per night. Attendees will be able to come early and stay over the weekend so they can take advantage of NYC sites and events.

SUNYLA 2nd Vice President Report

March 16, 2007

Plans for the 2007 conference are well underway and looking good!

Many thanks to the hard work of the members of the Conference Planning Committee (CPC); we are mainly working as sub committees and via email because of the distance. It has been invaluable to have members who have worked on past conferences, their insight and experience has been very helpful with coordinating this event.

The calls for preconferences and presentation sessions were very successful and we received an impressive number of proposals. Members of these sub committees worked hard on making final selections. The conference will sponsor 8 pre-conference workshops and 32 conference sessions. There's a good mix of topics, so our members, who have a wide range of interests should be satisfied.

The return rate for poster sessions was less than expected. We have left the call for posters announcement up on the Web page <http://www.buffalostate.edu/library/sunyla2007/postersession.htm> - for additional entries. PLEASE encourage your colleagues (and yourself) to share ideas, thoughts...with the rest of SUNYLA via a poster.

The Membership Development Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee are working on the details for the Wednesday night membership social – lots of fun is planned.

Last year's evaluations had a lot of comments calling for a full breakfast for Thursday morning. This year, we have scheduled a keynote (full) breakfast to satisfy that issue; Matt Goldner, from OCLC, is the keynote speaker.

The Web page is up and running at <http://www.buffalostate.edu/library/sunyla2007/>. Dennis Reed, from Buffalo State, did a wonderful job on creating the logo. We're really happy with the site and will be adding to it on a continuous basis – so keep coming back. This year, we have a call for conference bloggers, visit the site and sign up.

So far, we have 14 vendors signed up for tables and working on getting more on board. The conference programming, brochures and registration forms are in the works and should be out towards the end of March.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Anne Germain

Treasurer-Elizabeth Gulacsy

- Elizabeth was unable to attend the meeting.
- It was noted that the SUNYLA balance should not exceed \$30,000. We should allocate money as soon as possible.
- Marc reported that SUNYLA would be paying for the lunch today.
- The audit for the new Treasurer will cost ~\$2,000-\$3,000.
- Ron Foster had several suggestions for reducing our balance: lower membership fees, lower conference costs, provide more support for presenters. Ron made a motion (Bill Drew seconded) to allocate \$5,000 to the Conference Committee to spend at their discretion. The motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
- It was noted that there is an error in the balance in the spreadsheet. The balance is for March 10, 2007 not April.

TREASURER'S REPORT

7/1/06 - 3/10/07

Balance, 30 June 2006	27,805.41
Release of encumbered funds	558.47

Conference 2006 seed money	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Opening Balance, 1 July 2006		30,363.88

INCOME

Associate New	20.00
Associate Renewing	25.00
New	300.00
Renewing	<u>6,450.00</u>

<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		6,795.00
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EXPENSES

Conference 2007	-2,000.00
Council Meeting	-110.70
Membership Development	-18.59
Professional Grants	-800.00
Organization (buttons)	-205.49
SCLD	-225.00
<i>Encumbered</i>	
<i>Friend of SUNYLA</i>	-500.00
<i>Professional Grants</i>	-2,100.00
<i>Scholarships, Kissane</i>	-800.00
<i>Scholarships, Chu</i>	<u>-1,200.00</u>

<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		-7,959.78
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BALANCE: 10 April 2007		<u><u>29,199.10</u></u>
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Elizabeth Gulacsy
SUNYLA TREASURER

Committee Reports

Information Technology Committee -Bill Drew

- There was no written report.
- Bill has emailed individual committee members regarding strategies on how to get the IT Committee out of the graveyard. He is open to ideas.
- Suggestions from the floor included Library 2.0, Social Network and an Island on Second Life.
- The new SUNYLA Techwiki has been successful.
- Bill is looking for new members to serve on the Committee.

Library Instruction-Angela Weiler

- April's discussion will be the Typo of the day blog
- There was brief discussion of MLA recommendations to print out articles in case they disappear from databases.
- Ron Foster suggested that an archive of Instruction Committee tips could be summarized to the listserv and/or added to the wiki. Angela felt that maintaining such an archive would be difficult and prohibitive.

SUNYLA Instruction Committee Report

SUNYLA Council Meeting – March 16, 2007

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Weiler, Chair
SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee

Membership Development- Emily Hart

Membership Development Committee Report

SUNYLA Council Meeting: March 16, 2007

Membership:

As of March 15, 2007, there are 312 registered 2006-2007 SUNYLA members, 45 of whom are first-time members and 6 associate members. Last year's final tally for membership was 397 members, including 42 new members and 6 associate members.

Committee Members:

Nancy Greco stepped down as the Membership Development Committee Chair in December, 2006 to accept a position at St. John Fisher College. The committee would like to thank Nancy for her service and dedication. Emily Hart took over as the Membership Development Committee Chair in January, 2007. The committee is currently recruiting new members to replace Nancy Greco and Kate Pitcher, who will temporarily be out on maternity leave.

MDC Goals:

The Membership Development Committee aims to increase membership by 5% over last year; therefore, the goal is to reach 417 members.

Objectives:

- Identify SUNY librarians who have never participated in SUNYLA and contact them individually to invite them to join

- Contact library school students interested in attending the SUNYLA conference and invite them to join
- Evaluate the membership brochure and look into possible new benefits that could be offered to members

Ongoing Projects:

- Collaborate with the local arrangements committee to plan the conference welcoming event.
- Maintain the membership database
- Distribute membership cards
- Distribute SUNYLA brochures to new members
- Migrate and update the Membership Development Committee website
- Work with the web manager to update and plan for future updates to the SUNYLA Membership Directory.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Hart
Chair, Membership Development Committee

Personnel Policies-Ron Foster

- Ron queried the Board as to whether the 2006 salary survey should be distributed to everyone on the SUNYLA listserv now or 1 year after the survey is completed. He reported that not all libraries complete the survey and suggested that they shouldn't have access to the report. Marc Wildman proposed that the survey should be posted now. It was agreed that both the 2006 and 2007 surveys should be posted on the web page right away.
- There was discussion of the Committee proposal regarding the hiring of MLS librarians at the Assistant rank or whether they should be hired at the Senior Assistant rank. Consensus was: each campus has different needs, and hiring should be done at the rank appropriate to those needs.
- There was brief discussion on the professional obligation of librarians during snow and other emergency closings. If classes are cancelled, should librarians be expected to remain on campus (or take vacation leave)? Consensus was: Every campus has different policies and practices.

Personnel Policies Committee Report

March 16, 2007

1. Web Site

The committee's Web site [www.sunyla.org/ppc] was updated in early March.

The counter on the 2002 Salary Survey page was at 279 on March 3, 2007. The counter on the 2006 Salary Survey page was at 309.

2. Exit Surveys

Thirteen Exit Surveys were received for 2006; eight were from people retiring. Three surveys have been received for 2007. A reminder was sent out in early December; another will be sent in early May. An updated 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.

3. Salary Survey

Angela Weiler reported an error in the survey report. The staffs of at least two community colleges were listed as working 10 month contracts when they really work 12 month contracts. Their salaries were multiplied by 1.2 for the calculations in the report; therefore, the salaries listed in the report are higher than they really are. The analysis was redone, the report was corrected and the listserv was notified in case people wanted a corrected version of the report.

I have made a pdf of the 2006 salary survey report. I think the 2006 report should be made available free online in June 2007; this way, institutions that participated in the survey get the report exclusively for one year and everyone can access it thereafter. I have a pdf of the 2002 report I can make easily accessible online if the Council agrees.

4. General

Seven institutions refused to participate in the 2006 salary survey. For my personal use, I filed Freedom of Information Law requests with each and received replies from six. I'm using their data, along with data from 2002, 1998, and 1995, for an article on trends in librarians' salaries.

I am working on a manual on how to do the salary survey and on suggestions for the future of this committee, since I plan on finishing my service as chair in June 2007. I will also ready some material I have for submission to our archives in Buffalo.

SUNYLA should draft a position on the appropriateness of hiring individuals with an MLS at the rank of Assistant Librarian.

SUNYLA should discuss what our professional obligations are when our libraries are closed. Do we want to ask the UUP to negotiate for 5 emergency closing days or something?

Submitted by:
Ron Foster, Chair

Professional Development- Darryl Coleman

- There was no written report.
- The Board welcomed Darryl as the new Chair of the Professional Development Committee.

- Ron Foster made a motion to allocate \$1000 to the Committee for FACT-CIT professional development grants. Bill Drew seconded the motion and made a friendly amendment to up the allocation to \$1500 so SUNYLA could send 10 SUNYLA members to CIT, first come first served. The motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
- Darryl will solicit applications for the CIT grants in April. Mark Smith volunteered to coordinate marketing.

Publications & Communications-Gerry Liebowitz

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT to the COUNCIL

3/16/07

The February 2007 edition (Volume 37, number 2) of the SUNYLA Newsletter was printed and distributed to campus delegates and members. About 400 copies were printed by the Printshop at SUNY Brockport, thanks to Jennifer Little.

A PDF version of the newsletter was distributed through the listserv and a link to it on the SUNYLA web-page was added by Wendi Ackerman

The newsletter included news and other items from 33 campuses, as well as an article from SUNYLA President Marc Wildman, information about the upcoming 39th Annual SUNYLA Conference, a report by Susan Kraat about her Professional Development Grant, and more.

The next Newsletter will be published in May. The due date is April 15, 2007.

Members of the committee are Ellen McCabe (Co-chair), Lori Annesi, Jim Coan, Emily Hart, Linda Gorman, Jennifer Little, and myself.

Gerry Liebowitz, co-chair and editor.

Web Manager-Wendy Ackerman

3/16/07 Report

Wendi Ackerman, SUNYLA Web Manager

I.

As part of the site redesign, I would like to implement a content management system (Joomla!, <http://www.joomla.org/>) so that site maintenance and development can be shared among

SUNYLA members. A web manager will still be needed to be ultimately responsible for the site and to administer the CMS, but individual members will be able to do updates without channeling them through the web manager.

Other advantages include:

- Additional functionality such as an events calendar, news, etc.
- Consistent look and feel for all pages across the site
- Vast majority of pages hosted on the same web server
- Knowledge of HTML will not be necessary to maintain and update pages

In order to implement a CMS, it is recommended that we move to a commercial web hosting service that is already set up to use Joomla!; ITEC, where the site is now hosted, does not have Joomla! installed. I spoke with Dennis Aharanwa at ITEC recently; he advised me that while they are starting to look into offering Joomla! or a similar system in the future, he cannot predict how long it will be until it happens. Therefore, although we may wish to consider switching back to ITEC in the future, for now I believe that we should move to a commercial web hosting company.

The costs involved in moving to a commercial hosting company are as follows:

SiteGround.com web hosting: \$5.00/month for a two-year plan; requires one payment of \$120.00.

II.

Thank you to everyone who replied to the survey last semester. A summary of the survey results is presented below. The number indicates how many people had the same response.

Input regarding the site is always welcome; please send any suggestions that you may have to me at ackermaw@upstate.edu.

Results of SUNYLA web survey 2006

Top reasons for using site:

Conference info - 25

Directory of libraries/members - 14

Committee info - 8

Minutes – 7

Administrative docs – 7

SUNYLA officers – 6

Newsletters – 5

Listserv info – 5

Contact info – 3

Professional development/grants – 5

By laws – 3
Links to SUNY Connect/OLIS – 3

Things that should be easier to locate:

Ways to be more active within organization/ how to join committees – 4
Membership info/forms – 3
By-laws – 3
Member directory – 3
Administrative docs – 2
Minutes – 2
Meeting dates & locations - 2
Information for new members
Librarian specialties
Manual of duties for elected officers
SUNY Library catalogs
List of campus' libraries

Missing from site:

Mission – 2
Photos – 2
How to get involved
Conference hand outs (post-conference)
All special interest groups/committees (some are missing)
Committee membership
Other listserv (something from NYPL was recommended)
Who SUNYLA is, what the organization does, etc.

Liaison Reports

FACT-Mark Smith

- Mark promoted the upcoming CIT conference by reciting some of the session topics
- Fact is trying to encourage interest in Second Life. Bill Drew reported that ALA has a presence in Second Life, and that a British Company Tal??? has donated an island in Second Life.
- There was brief discussion on the use of training points that can be applied to the CIT conference. Several Board members stated they had never heard of training point. Mark explained that training points are purchased by campuses and can be applied to attend workshops, webinars and online classes. IT departments usually allocate training points to campus faculty and staff. ITEC points are for high end training such as Oracle.

SUNYLA Liaison to FACT Report

Mark A. Smith – SUNY Ceramics
March 2007

I. SUNY Conference on Instructional Technology (aka CIT) :

SUNY Plattsburgh : May 29 - June 1, 2007 - <http://www.cit.suny.edu/cit2007/home.htm>

Interface!!!! Techies, Classroom and Librarian faculty meet face to face. The conference features many sessions of mutual interest to all of these groups and include librarian presenters. CIT is always a productive and informative conference. Cheap too \$150!!!! includes all meals.

- Keynote Speaker: Laurence F. Johnson, Ph.D., CEO of the New Media Consortium. Dr. Johnson will share his expertise on the effective application of new media in many contexts in *Through the Lens Darkly - Navigating the Twisting Turns of Emerging Technology*.
- NOTE: Full-day Grant Writing workshop, sponsored by the SUNY Training Center, Academic Programs.

Scholarships Available! The Faculty Access to Computing Technology (FACT) Committee will once again award a limited number of \$100 FACT Scholarships to attend CIT. Please refer to the 'Scholarship' link on the CIT website for additional information and instructions on how to submit your 'Statement of Interest' by April 9, 2007. Information and Registration info at <http://www.cit.suny.edu/cit2007/home.htm>.

II. COCIDs: Congratulations to Brockport - A FACT Sponsored Conference on Computing in the Disciplines (COCID) has been approved and awarded with funding to Brockport Library for a conference titled "Integrating Library Services into a Learning Management System" .. The proposed conference date is April 2008. Keep an eye out!!

III. SUNY in Second Life (<http://secondlife.com>) : FACT has much interest in exploring and promoting the educational potential of this 3D virtual world entirely built and owned by its residents. FACT has authorized the purchase of virtual land within the Second Life community. This property will be used to build a SUNY sponsored VR environment. . Second life is widely used by educational institutions, libraries, museums, non-profit educational organizations. (ie. Harvard, Berkley, MIT, Stanford, etc.)

IV. FACT Chair to Attend SUNYLA Conference: Dr. Craig Lending (Brockport) Chair of the FACT Advisory Committee will be attending SUNYLA as our guest and presenter at the SUNYLA conference. He and I will co-present on the ever expanding opportunities and technology initiatives throughout SUNY. Year after year SUNY Librarians attend and present at the FACT SUNY CIT conference and Dr. Lending's continues to encourage and strengthen our mutually beneficial relationship. Thanks to the conference organizing committee for their support of this exchange.

SAC-Dave Ritchie

- Dave Ritchie was unable to attend the meeting.

Report to SUNYLA Council and Librarians from the SUNYConnect Advisory Council Liaison, as of March 2007

The following highlights issues over the last six months. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2007. Since I cannot be present to answer questions at the Council meeting, please refer them to me after the Council meeting at Ritchie@cortland.edu, or 607-753-2818. Thanks.

Digital Library Proposal becomes SUNY Digital Library Initiative – the 21st draft was sent out to SUNY Council of Library Directors and to the SUNYLA President for comments. It requests an additional \$42 million per year above current SUNY library funding beginning 2007-2008 to support research and curricula digital resources, including existing and new e-journals, existing and new databases, new digital data sets, and grants to SUNY campuses to create digital materials. Promoting this effort means an important new direction for many libraries = convincing SUNY campus presidents to include this initiative in their requests to SUNY System. Now, the prospect of an interim or new SUNY chancellor will make this initiative even more challenging to promote.

SUNY Press E-books – meanwhile, using the current OLIS budget, the upcoming SAC meeting will include a discussion of continuing purchasing the SUNY Press E-books by buying the 2006 releases (price tag \$34K).

Borrowing Task Force Recommendations follow-up

-- **ILLiad software for all SUNY units** – from at least October 2006 through the present, OLIS and a couple of SAC members worked to negotiate with OCLC for pricing on the full-blown ILLiad software to allow all the SUNY units which do not currently have ILLiad to afford it. SAC agreed that OLIS should propose an appropriate method of ongoing financing to the SUNY Council of Library Directors, with all first-year costs for the non-ILLiad libraries plus ongoing licensing costs for current ILLiad libraries to be borne by SUNYConnect, and all ongoing hosting costs to be borne by the libraries. OLIS has sent this pricing model to the library directors.

University-wide Collection Building follow-up

-- **Last copy policy** – SAC asked Steve Roberts, University of Buffalo, to see if a “last copy policy” should be developed for SUNY in light of SUNY Buffalo storage policies and procedures. Roberts subsequently responded that he would assist in setting up a task force to propose SUNY policies and practices first for J-Stor journals, and eventually for monographs.

Aleph

-- **University Center developments:** UBuffalo system went live with Aleph in November 2006.

-- **Shared Systems developments:** current service pack 1851 updates will be completed by May 23 for all 56 collections.

-- **Version 18:** Because Ex Libris had not indicated in January when the preferred consortial system architecture features would be included in version 18, ITEC and OLIS have started initial discussions on what it might take to upgrade to v18 in the current server environment.

-- **Aleph Support** – OLIS realizes that Aleph support for SUNY libraries is a challenge which requires considering issues – some of which are part of the charge for the Shared Systems Task Force – like:
(a) determining the feasibility of moving to the Ex Libris proposed architecture for large shared systems;
(b) evaluating the feasibility and sustainability of offering Aleph managed services across a greater number of campuses, and the amount of OLIS staff and skill levels needed to support such managed services;

(c) moving toward a more standardized WebOPAC environment, which requires determining what can be customized without impacting basic functionality so that new or enhanced developments can be applied automatically over multiple campuses;

(d) determining training needs and more effective and efficient ways of delivery;

(e) assessing services on an ongoing basis.

-- **Aleph Shared Systems Task Force** progress – the Task Force is

(a) reviewing the Ex Libris preferred architecture for consortial systems which should lower the “total cost of ownership” = most likely 1 server; 1 shared file of bib records (= duplicated bib recs when campuses or collections have the same version of a title); multiple ADM recs; must decide whether to have patron files either all shared or all unshared; 1 alephe, where much more configuration would be stored for easier centralized update for the consortium. Some aspects are available now, some more have to be ported to version 18, and more such capabilities desired by the Large Shared Systems group (including SUNY) are currently scheduled for versions 19 and 20;

(b) beginning to develop parameters for Aleph support provided by OLIS to distinguish between campuses in "managed services" and those that are "independent."

-- **Footprints and OLIS support capabilities questions** – As a member of a SUNYAUG Ad Hoc Reports Committee looking into ways to help librarians with Aleph reports, I brought questions to SAC:

(a) whether Footprints queries and responses could be made available to help all SUNY Footprints users? Project Director Maureen Zajkowski replied that many of the Footprints queries contained all sorts of privacy information which could not be vetted without taking needed staff away from answering current queries; she indicated that OLIS would be looking at capability for user access when they review the new Footprints software version some time in the future;

(b) what level of Aleph support is OLIS capable of delivering as more initiatives are contemplated?

Carey Hatch responded said that OLIS operational issues are not a SAC issue, and that he will survey the community at the operational level to look at this from a policy-wide perspective.

--**Timetable:** without a date from Ex Libris for moving the “preferred consortial architecture” capabilities to version 18, a reasonable question to be kept on the table for the next SAC meetings is what the _relative_ timetable is for adopting version 18, for deciding on adopting a consistent web OPAC for shared-system libraries, and for deciding whether to adopt the Ex Libris preferred architecture.

-- **Syndetics** – with additional funding from the SUNY Provost’s Office, the Syndetics service (for book cover images plus selected links to table of contents and/or reviews) was purchased for the current 2006-07 year for SUNY unit collections and the SUNY Union Catalog. After the general approval from libraries for this service, SAC and OLIS agreed in January that SUNYConnect support half the Syndetics charge and the other half be proposed to be apportioned to libraries based on their number of MARC records.

SFX or Serials Solutions as SUNY’s OpenURL link resolver? – OLIS is evaluating the benefits of Serials Solutions versus the current SFX as the OpenURL resolver for all shared-server applications. Because Serials Solutions does the management for their link resolver (Article Linker), using theirs might very well result in time and effort savings for OLIS and those libraries currently managing their own SFX instances. Carey Hatch indicates that any change would be an “all or none” decision, to be based on a future survey and cost-benefit analyses.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ritchie
SUNYLA Liaison to SAC

3/14/07

NYLink-Anne Gunning

- Ann reported on the RLG merger with OCLC. The Eureka database is being migrated to the FirstSearch WorldCat database. So far 7 million records have been loaded. April Davies asked whether Red Light Green would be continued. Ann responded no.

Nylink Liaison Report

SUNYLA EXECUTIVE BOARD / COUNCIL MEETING

March 16, 2007

Announcements

Nylink welcomes our newest members: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Teachers College-Columbia University.

Nylink Annual Meeting: Will be held **May 9-10, 2007**, at the Gideon Putnam Resort & Spa, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Speakers include: cultural historian and media scholar Siva Vaidyanathan, Associate Professor, Culture and Communication, New York University; Robin Murray, Director of Strategy & Marketing for OCLC PICA and Managing Director of OCLC PICA UK. The meeting will also include the presentation of the Nylink Achievement Awards. More details forthcoming at the Nylink web site (<http://nylink.org>) and in other postings.

New York State Resource Sharing Summit: Mark your calendars for this event being held **June 5-6, 2007**, at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Coordinated by Nylink, this summit will explore successful resource sharing models and programs, best practices, the future of resource sharing, and collaboration by libraries in New York State. More details, including registration information, will be available in the coming weeks at the Nylink web site (<http://nylink.org>).

Conference Discount Through Nylink: Nylink has arranged with Information Today, Inc., to offer our members, affiliates, and staff from any library in New York State a significantly discounted conference registration rate for **WebSearch University** (April 30-May 1, Philadelphia, Pa.). Register through Nylink in order to obtain the discount. Registration deadline: March 30. Please see the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.org/conf/websearch2007spr.htm> for more details and access to the registration form.

Nylink Executive Director Transition: Mary-Alice Lynch retired as Executive Director in mid-January after more than ten years of service to Nylink and 35 years of service in the library field. Kathleen Gundrum, Nylink's Director of Member Services for nine years, is currently serving as Interim Executive Director. A national search for a permanent Executive Director will get under way soon.

Educational Services (complete listings available at <http://nylink.org/training.htm>)

Special training and professional development opportunities this spring:

CONSER Cataloging Workshops: Advanced Serials, 5/16-17 in Albany, and 5/23-24 in New York City. Please see the Nylink web site at http://nylink.org/conf/adv_cat07.htm for more information.

Effective Library Project Management: The important role of proper project management in a library environment will be the focus of this one-day Nylink conference on May 30th. Read more about this event and register online at http://nylink.org/conf/proj_mgmt07.htm. (To be held at Nylink facilities in Albany)

Metadata Standards and Applications, co-sponsored with ALCTS (Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, a division of ALA): April 19-20, 2007, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. each day, at the Central New York Library Resources Council, Syracuse. Learn more and register at the Nylink web site at http://nylink.org/conf/meta_apps07.htm.

Products and Services

OCLC NEWS

WorldCat.org (<http://www.worldcat.org/>): Click-through traffic to Nylink libraries from WorldCat.org increased from 10,000 click-throughs in January 2006 to over 60,000 in January 2007. Enhancements continue to be added including a "Cite This Item" feature that provides citations to works in various styles (APA, Chicago, Harvard, MLA and Turabian). This particular enhancement has prompted much discussion about the inclusion of this feature in WorldCat.org, but not in FirstSearch. Feedback about this has been given to OCLC both by Nylink staff and by Nylink members.

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RLG Merger with OCLC:

Pursuant to the merger of RLG with OCLC effective July 1, 2006, the process for integrating the RLG union catalog into the OCLC WorldCat union catalog got under way this winter. As a result thus far, 7.1 million new bibliographic records (i.e., new master records) have been added to WorldCat as of February 28, 2007.

RLG Eureka Databases Migrating to OCLC FirstSearch June 1, 2007: Anthropological Index, Royal Anthropological Institute; Anthropological Literature; Anthropology *Plus*; Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals; Bibliography of the History of Art; Chicano Database; FRANCIS (international humanities and social sciences); History of Science, Technology, and Medicine; Index to 19th-Century American Art Periodicals; and Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies (social sciences). The Hand Press Book Database and SCIPPIO will be available in FirstSearch (and Connexion) at an undetermined date in mid-2007. To learn more, please go to <http://www.oclc.org/services/reference/rlg/default.htm> or contact Joyce Rambo at Nylink with questions (800-342-3353; ramboj@nylink.org)

NetLibrary (Nylink contact: Donna Dixon, 800-342-3353 or dixond@nylink.org):

-- Subject Sets from NetLibrary, discounted 20% through June 15, 2007

NetLibrary Subject Sets can help you add specific eContent to your collection quickly and easily. Subjects include nursing, psychology, management and leadership, vocational education, health and wellness, travel and leisure, and personal computing. To view title lists and pricing, please go to the OCLC web site at <<https://www.oclc.org/ebooks/subjectsets/default.htm>>.

-- eAudiobook Content from Books on Tape and Blackstone Audio -- Effective February 2007, libraries are able to add Blackstone Audio and Books on Tape titles to their collections in the same way NetLibrary eBooks are purchased (i.e., one-at-a time). Additionally, NetLibrary will waive the access fees on all Blackstone Audio and Books on Tape titles ordered before March 31, 2007. For more information, please visit: <http://www.oclc.org/audiobooks/default.htm>.

OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis: Save \$500 on new subscriptions between now and June 27th. If you purchase a 12-month WorldCat Collection Analysis subscription, OCLC will waive the \$500 set-up fee. The WorldCat Collection Analysis service can help you to make the most of your library's acquisitions budget. This unique analytical tool provides the all-important data needed to understand your library's subject-matter strengths, gaps and overlaps. It also lets you compare your collection to other library collections on WorldCat, saving you time and money. Eligibility is limited; the \$500 savings is offered only to new individual Collection Analysis subscribers. For more information, please contact Nylink at 800-342-3353 / 518 443-5444 or by e-mail to Nylink@nylink.org

OCLC WorldCat Selection Service Now Available: In partnership with Nylink member institution Cornell University Library, OCLC has developed a new selection service based on the Integrated Tool for Selection and Ordering at Cornell University Library (ITSO CUL). Using the WorldCat Selection service, library staff selecting new materials will be able to view records and make selections from multiple materials vendors in one central comprehensive system. For more information, visit the OCLC web site at <http://www.oclc.org/selection/default.htm> or contact Lauren Pinsley at Nylink (800-342-3353; pinsleyl@nylink.org).

PRODUCTS FROM OTHER NYLINK PARTNERS

Oxford University Press: Law products now available through Nylink

-- International Law in Domestic Courts, bringing you the most important international law issues being decided in domestic courts around the world today.

-- Online products from Oceana Publications, bringing the best and most current legal information to those who need it at a moment's notice. Products (available individually or as a bundle) include Constitutions of the Countries of the World Online, Constitutions of Dependencies and Territories Online, Constitutions of the United States: National and State Online.

-- Also available, Treaties and International Agreements Online, New York Code of Professional Responsibility and New York Ethics Opinions Online.

Other OUP titles expected to be offered by Nylink in fall 2007 include **Encyclopedia of Popular Music** and **Oxford Language Dictionaries**. More information will be available on Nylink's web site. Contact Tatiana Sahm (sahmt@nylink.org) or Evelyn Butrico (butricoe@nylink.org) at Nylink with questions.

NY3Rs- Nancy Howe

- There is no written report.
- Waldo is proposing to start billing libraries directly for consortial databases. The decision is likely to have billing still pass through the 3Rs. This would generate a 1% surcharge on bills, to go back to the 3Rs to pay for handling costs. For the 3Rs who currently charge 2%, the fee would be reduced to 1%.
- The Central Library Resource Center is developing a mentoring program to pair new librarians with experienced librarians.

OLIS-John Schumacher

- There are several database trials underway. Libraries should contact John if they are interested in trial access.
- John reported that OLIS was exploring a managed/hosted open URL link resolver. About 30 campuses are currently using Serials Solutions (in addition or instead of the SUNYConnect sponsored SFX), about 8 of those are using ArticleLinker. SFX costs SUNYConnect ~\$135,000/year maintenance. Bill Drew reported that SFX is never up to date, where Serials Solutions is current and has better support for its product. John asked for an informal show of hands as to whether campuses were interested in OLIS pursuing a Serials Solutions Article Linker contract. Response was overwhelmingly yes.
- John reported that the Ebsco PSYCInfo/PSYCArticles proposal would probably result in cost savings.

SUNY Office of Library and Information Services

Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
John Schumacher (john.schumacher@suny.edu)
March 16, 2007

SUNYConnect LMS

- The SUNYConnect union catalog is available. (<http://136.223.18.41:8080/F>). The system contains library holdings from all 61 SUNYConnect institutions.
- OLIS and ITEC are involved in a project to upgrade the shared ALEPH systems with the latest bug fixes, etc. from Ex Libris.
- The SUNY-wide Borrowing Task Force continues to work on issues related to the borrowing of library materials across all SUNYConnect libraries.
- The pilot program for centrally-managed ALEPH services involves Niagara, Purchase, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester. The indication is that Clinton will also participate in this pilot.

- The Aleph Shared Services Task Force has been discussing next steps in reviewing the Ex Libris preferred Aleph architecture for large shared systems.
- The OLIS is developing guidelines for the SUNY community as to the level of Aleph support that campuses outside of the Aleph Managed Services pilot can expect from OLIS.
- Much of the OLIS staff are also providing significant ALEPH support via the Footprints system (<http://service.sunyconnect.suny.edu/footprints/help.html>)

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 EconLit Full Text, Early English Books Online, Gale Virtual Reference Library, Women and Social Movements (1600 to present), and Research Now (Berkeley Electronic Press Journals).
- The OLIS and the SUNYConnect Advisory Council are considering managed/hosted approaches for link resolver software. This includes discussions with Ex Libris (SFX) and Serials Solutions (Article Linker).
- The OLIS has been asked to look into the possibility of consortial purchases/subscriptions for Compustat and CSPR (financial, accounting, securities data) databases/resources.
- EBSCO has recently made an offer regarding a SUNY-wide proposal for PSYCinfo, PSYCArticles.
- Sixteen SUNY libraries opted to participate in the Gale Virtual Reference Library offer (at the end of 2006). Gale has renewed the offer (with a 5% increase).
- 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

- <http://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/> Approximately 20 SUNY institutions at one level of participation or another; 80 collections and growing; 19,000+ items (as of January 2007). Since its inception, items in the repository have been accessed over 80,000 times.

BioMed Central

- The BioMed Central membership has not been renewed. Campuses are urged to consider membership at the institutional level.

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>

UUP-John Schumacher

- Contract negotiations begin in April.
- UUP would like to hear “war stories” to bring to the negotiations table. UUP will probably ask to use your name.

UUP Liaison Report

John Schumacher (Central@uupmail.org)
 SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
 March 16, 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.

Chancellor Ryan

- The chancellor has announced his resignation as of May 31, 2007. UUP has developed a positive relationship with Ryan and regrets his departure. Best wishes to him on future endeavors.

Contract Negotiations

- Governor Spitzer has not yet appointed a director for the Governor's Office of Employee Relations. As a result, UUP does not know who will be “on the other side of the table”.
- The UUP Negotiations Committee approved the Team's package on February 2, 2007.
- The Team and Committee met December 8-10, 2006 to discuss potential issues for bargaining. The “librarian issue” was heard from a significant number of UUP chapters as well as from SUNY-wide organizations (such as SUNYLA).
- 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.

Political Action

- UUP is actively working to improve upon one of the most supportive SUNY budget proposals in years; as of March 12, 2007 the indication is that both the Senate and the Assembly have added monies for SUNY.
- Thanks to everyone for their participation in UUP (SUNY) Advocacy Days, especially the March 13, 2007 Librarian Day.
- The 2007 UUP Legislative Agenda includes “Invest in campus needs to safeguard access, quality and programs that promote student success...fund infrastructure improvements within SUNY, including libraries, laboratories, and information technologies”.

Delegate Assembly

- The UUP Spring Delegate Assembly will be held in Albany April 20-21, 2007.

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