SUNYLA Council Meeting
June 16, 2026
Hybrid: SUNY Brockport and Virtual
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 10:07 AM

Attendees: Amanda Bailey, Kellie Barbarto, Michelle Beechey, Morgan Bond, Michelle Bowers, Kate Brent, Milo Cameron, Jenn Collins, Isaiah Cornfield, Samantha Dannick, Jennifer DeVito, Molly Eadie, Greta Earnest, Claire Erhlich, Carrie Fishner, Carol Ann Germain, Ellis Ging, Dan Harms, Gregg Headrick, Rebecca Hewitt, Chris Hulsman, Jocelyn Ireland, Dana Laird, Paige Leary, Jill Locascio, Amanda Lowe, Joseph Malek, Cheryl Marriott, Giovannine Matheron, Ashlie Morrison, Alana Nuth, Susan Perry, Violet Price, Logan Rath, Adam Saunders, Casey Spark, Max Sparkman, Faye Starman, Hadeen Stokes, Katelynn Telford, Mary Timmons, Alayna Vander Veer, Jane Verostek, Josh Weber, Maureen Weinman, Erin Wilburn, and Hilary Wong.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2026 meeting.

1.1. Minutes approved.

2. Report Recaps
   2.1. Officers
      2.1.1. President – Michelle Beechey
   2.1.1.1. Excited to start the conference and opportunity to learn and network for the next few days! Thank you for all the support from the past year. Please considering serving in the future!

      2.1.2. First Vice President – Carrie Fishner
   2.1.2.1. Announcement of election results:
      2.1.2.1.1. 1st VP: Kellie Barbato
      2.1.2.1.2. 2nd VP / Conference Chair: Amanda Lowe
      2.1.2.1.3. Secretary: Ashlie Morrison
   2.1.2.2. Please rely on existing and past members for support.
   2.1.2.3. New Members meeting happening today at 5:00 PM. Social starting afterward.

      2.1.3. Second Vice President – Kellie Barbato
   2.1.3.1. Welcome to Brockport! Logan and Kellie are point people to assist during conference. Many thanks to the team at Drake for supporting the conference!

      2.1.4. Secretary – Alana Nuth
   2.1.4.1. No report

      2.1.5. Treasurer – Logan Rath
   2.1.5.1. Balance sheets are posted to forum (https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1537.0). The account balances are very high but those balances will change quite a bit as conference expenses are paid.
   2.1.5.2. Very strong financial shape.

   2.2. Committees
      2.2.1. Membership Development – Carol Anne Germain
      2.2.2. Membership statistics as of June 2026:
   2.2.2.1. Current membership: 249
   2.2.2.2. Lifetime members: 61

2.2.2.3. Student Members: 39
2.2.2.4. Delegates: 56
2.2.2.5. Carol Anne plans to work with Logan to improve web interface to better communicate need for service.
2.2.2.6. Many thanks to Amanda Lowe for planning the fifth annual Future Librarians Day. The schedule included three career-focused panels (each with 4 to 5 librarians and a moderator). Impressive number of registrants!

2.2.3. Personnel Policies – Heather Stalter
2.2.3.1. Please see report in Forum: https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1531.0

2.2.4. Professional Development – Jennifer DeVito
2.2.5. Awards:
2.2.5.1. The Friend of SUNYLA Award will be given at the Conference.
2.2.5.2. The Grants Subcommittee awarded a grant to Lauren Puzier at SUNY Albany.
2.2.5.3. The Promotion and Tenure Subcommittee is presenting a panel on June 18 during Session G.
2.2.5.4. The Mentor Award winner will be announced during the Annual Conference Luncheon.

2.2.6. Publications – April Davies
2.2.6.1. The May issue was published, slightly delayed
2.2.6.2. April is exploring new design layouts for the newsletter and shared a survey for feedback: https://forms.gle/UwRT88rS4kzMZVJZA
2.2.6.3. The next newsletter is scheduled for October.
2.2.6.4. A few additional committee members are needed for proofreading.

2.2.7. TDG – Kate Brent
2.2.7.1. No report

2.2.8. Web Development – Chris Hulsman
2.2.8.1. We have had a couple of website outages due to bots. The recent bot in question is Applebot, Apple's website crawler. What is most likely happening is that the bot is getting stuck in recursive areas of the website, most likely the discussion forums. With the help of Siteground, I have entered a script to block the Applebot. I will have to look into this further, but there have not been interruptions since the script was entered.

2.2.9. SILC (SUNYLA Information Literacy Committee) –Jocelyn Ireland and Holly Kuhl
2.2.10. SILC is organized by a small board and holds different events throughout the year, including Community Conversations.
2.2.11. The dates for the upcoming Community Conversations are: September 24, October 22, and December 3. The Community Conversations are all scheduled for 3:00 PM.
2.2.12. Holly Kuhl will be taking over as chair of SILC, effective immediately after the conference.
2.2.13. Two of the three SILC working groups will be presenting during the conference:
2.2.13.1. Still in this Together: Updates from SILC's Gen-Ed MicroCourse TaskForce (Holly Kuhl and Sarah Petras)
2.2.13.2. SILC Advancing AI Literacy Working Group Share-Out (Lauren deLaubell and Ken Fujiuchi)
2.2.13.3. The third working group created the Information Literacy Portal in SOAR. The repository is currently accepting submissions of accessible, openly-licensed, instructional materials using this form: https://forms.gle/B89rYtHhtypkAm1x5 Please contact the working group chairs with any questions: Nicole Westerdahl and Jocelyn Ireland.

2.2.14. Archives (ad hoc) – Melissa McMullen

2.2.14.1. No report

2.2.15. IDEA Committee – Milo Cameron

2.2.15.1. The committee hosted successful book clubs during the fall and spring semesters. The committee will be hosting a book club this summer. The first meeting is June 24 at 12:00 PM. The summer book is Hospicing Modernity: Facing Humanity's Wrongs and the Implications of Social Activism by Vanessa Machado de Oliveira. Email Milo if you have a book recommendation for a future book club!

2.2.15.2. Tomorrow, the IDEA Committee is hosting a session: Information as Power: Librarians at the Intersection of Politics and Community.

2.3. Liaisons

2.3.1. FACT2 – Katie Ghidiu

2.3.1.1.1. FACT2 released the second edition of Optimizing AI in Higher Education: The SUNY FACT2 Guide in January 2026 with updated information and guidance to reflect the rapidly updating environment and offer guidance on AI literacy.

2.3.1.1.2. SUNY also launched the AI Fellows for the Public Good program, aimed at helping campuses reach AI goals, beginning fall 2026.

2.3.1.1.3. A FACT2 Task Group is working with the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning in a two-year partnership to explore AI-powered portfolio assessment tools and expand equitable pathways to academic credit.

2.3.1.1.4. New task groups are being planned and will be announced this fall. Keep watch for opportunities to serve on the system-level!

2.3.2. LACUNY – Derek Stadler

2.3.2.1. Please see Derek's report for the results of the LACUNY elections for 2026/2027 officers: https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1526.0

2.3.3. ESLN – Kathleen Gundrum

2.3.3.1. No report

2.3.4. IDS – Mark Sullivan

2.3.4.1. No report

2.3.5. OLIS – Maureen Clements

2.3.5.1. Maureen Clements is leaving SUNY. Maureen's last day is June 17. Maureen will be reachable by LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/in/maureen-clements-2b48713/). A search for SLS Director will be run. Kim Scalzo will be the acting OLIS Director. The acting SLS team lead will be Rebecca Pardavila. Adam Luaces will be the contact for business-related questions, including Alma/Primo. David Breiner will be the main contact for collections, including ThirdIron.

2.3.5.2. Check out the calendar for upcoming events: https://sunyolis.libcal.com/

2.3.5.3. Talk to Susan about joining Basecamp HQ, if interested in joining.

2.3.6. UUP – Dan Harms

2.3.6.1. Visit the UUP members-only site to learn more about the new contract (https://uupunion.org/myuup/MembersOnly/). This contract is the first time that contract was signed on-time in a very long time.

2.3.7. NYLA – VACANT

2.3.8. NYSLAA – Dawn Foland

2.3.8.1. NYSLAA held its annual conference last month. Encourage library assistants in your library to join NYSLAA!

3. Old Business

4. New Business

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