

SUNYLA Council Meeting

Friday, March 12, 2010

University at Albany

10:00am – 3:00pm

Attending: Pamela Flinton (Oneonta), Rosanne Humes (Nassau), April Davies (Cobleskill), Logan Rath (Brockport), Colleen Lougen (New Paltz), Greg Bobish (Albany), John Schumacher (OLIS), Kadri Niider (Optometry), Stephen Macaluso (New Paltz), Wendy West (Albany), Mary Timmons (Monroe), Sarah Morehouse (ESC), Dan Harms (Cortland), Joyce Miller (Adirondack), Ellen McCabe (Cortland); **Participating via Skype:** Carleen Huxley (Jefferson), Tracy Paradis (Geneseo), Jill Yaples (Binghamton), Angela Weiler (Onondaga), Michael Huang (Stony Brook), Mark McBride (Buffalo State), Joanne Spadaro (Old Westbury), Kathleen Quinliven (Buffalo), Dunstan McNutt (Delhi), Karen Ferington (Niagara), Karen Pitcher (Broome), Louise Charbonneau (MVCC), Morgan Gwenwald (New Paltz), Bill Drew (TC3), Emily Hart (Upstate), Mark McBride (Buffalo State), Kathryn Johns-Masten (Oswego), Dan Newton (Potsdam), Barb Grimes (SUNYIT); **Recording Secretary:** April Davies.

10:00am – Delegate Toolbox Discussion

12:00pm – Lunch

12:45pm – Business Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 18, 2009
2. Announcements, Correspondence, Appointments (15 minutes)
3. Report Recaps (30 minutes)
 - 3.1. Officers
 - 3.1.1. President – Logan Rath
 - 3.1.2. First Vice President – Angela Weiler
 - 3.1.3. Secretary – April Davies
 - 3.1.4. Treasurer – Greg Bobish
 - 3.2. Committee Reports
 - 3.2.1. Membership Development – Wendy West
 - 3.2.2. Personnel Policies – Corinne Nyquist
 - 3.2.3. Professional Development – Darryl Coleman
 - 3.2.4. Publications – Ellen McCabe
 - 3.2.5. Web Development – Logan Rath (temp)
 - 3.2.6. WGIL – Kim Hoffman
 - 3.2.7. Archives (ad hoc) – Dan Harms
 - 3.3. Liaison Reports
 - 3.3.1. FACT – Mark McBride
 - 3.3.2. LACUNY – Kadri Niider
 - 3.3.3. SAC – Colleen Lougen
 - 3.3.4. OLIS – John Schumacher
 - 3.3.5. UUP – John Schumacher
4. New Business (including action items from reports)
 - 4.1. Approve creation of NYSHEI liaison position with Teresa Ronning (Adirondack) and Austin Booth (Buffalo) serving jointly
 - 4.2. President: Endorse the bylaws update for the Technology Users Group
 - 4.3. President: Discussion on the increase of the term of President to 2 years, to begin with Spring 2011 election
 - 4.4. Secretary: Approval of Spring ballot & election cut dates
 - 4.5. Secretary: Endorse changes to sections 5.4 and 5.6 of bylaws
 - 4.6. Web: Endorse the launch of the new SUNYLA website within the week following the Council Meeting
 - 4.7. Web: Endorse the use of the Membership Database
 - 4.8. Kadri Niider: RDA discussion (if time allows)
 - 4.9. From Delegate Discussion: Charging Carleen Huxley with setting up virtual meeting space for Delegate Roundtable
 - 4.10. From Delegate Discussion: Changing dues, creation of student membership category

Delegate Toolbox Discussion

Logan Rath provided a summary of a recent Delegate survey. We took a quick look online at the Manual of Duties and Responsibilities. Discussion of what delegates would like to see in a Toolkit type thing, what frustrations delegates have with the job, what questions they have. Pam Flinton: would like a link to membership database. Rath: The new membership system that will be shared this afternoon should take care of that. Rosanne Humes: Is there a link on the website just for delegates? Wendy West: That's what we've been thinking about for this toolkit (portal, whatever we want to call it). Jill Yaples: Would like examples of how to perform duties, suggesting on attracting members. West: Suggested an FAQ. Flinton: Would like a way for delegates to talk to each other beyond the Council list. Tracy Paradis: Maybe a best practices thing. Who has done well, use them as a model. Ideas for further things that can be done beyond basic duties. April Davies: Moodle is weak as a Q&A, discussion tool because you have to seek it. Maybe use Google Talk for periodic scheduled delegate roundtables. Carleen Huxley: Maybe use Google Wave for virtual meetings. Suggested a '12 steps to being a great delegate' thing. Someone suggested a calendar with Council meeting dates, meeting/conference dates for liaison orgs, newsletter and other deadlines, SCLD dates, etc. Davies: Downloadable/printable (or even virtual) brochure, contact lists, links to whatever we might need to do the job. Rath: Add charging Carleen with setting up virtual meeting space for delegates under New Business. Someone asked about delegates paying their dues. Rath: It's in the bylaws that delegates must be dues paid members however there's very little consequence if they don't. It's not like we can really do anything to you. General discussion of campuses that have low membership and how to address that. Flinton: How many librarian lines are there in SUNY? Would be helpful to know that for any membership drive. Paradis: What do members get out of it? Rath and others: Discount on the conference, eligible for professional development grants, networking, WGIL workshops, etc. Michael Huang: Suggested a 'life member' category. Has been very successful in CALA. Some discussion of SUNYLA's role. The word 'Librarians' in our name can confuse people. Davies: The new mission statement and such that was formulated a couple of years ago seems to answer that but it hasn't been communicated as effectively as it might. General discussion: One easy thing would be to add a tagline: SUNYLA, serving library personnel across SUNY. Go by our acronym, ala OCLC. Our official name should stay the same for tax reasons if nothing else. General discussion back on the life member idea. Don't have to worry about paying it again. Any renewal discounts in the future should apply to life members as well. General enthusiasm for the idea depending on how much. 10 or 15 years worth of dues. Maybe a sliding scale based on age, like ALA. You can view it as a bargain and/or as an investment in SUNY. Can we transfer retirees or people who leave SUNY to the Associate category? Yaples: What about an organization rate? Members of that organization eligible for grants and member discounts just like personal members. Greg Bobish: Maybe base it on FT employees within the library. Flinton: Would have to be able to show campus administration that it would offer more than networking. General discussion as to whether campuses would go for it. Angela Weiler: Basic recruiting, talk it up more on our campuses, especially with new hires. Also push more in the library schools. Davies: Do we have a student rate? General discussion about this idea and about student scholarship (Dan Kissane) and related issues. One suggestion was to focus on a few initiatives each year rather than taking a shotgun approach. Maybe organize one downstate workshop/event next year, perhaps something that is being offered elsewhere as well. Need to start somewhere. Discussion branched off from there into various areas: logistical support, reworking the membership form, strategy for downstate recruiting, advertising/marketing, the need to improve on Moodle for posting reports, etc. → So, it looks like there will be a delegate portal/section/whatever created on the website with links to all the different things we've been talking about.

Council Business Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 18, 2009

Minutes from Nov. 18, 2009 were approved with one abstention.

2. Announcements, correspondence, appointments (note: in order to save time, most announcement items were posted to SUNYLA's moodle site in advance of the meeting, they are summarized here for the record.)

Onondaga: Pauline Shostack (Electronic Resources) is on sabbatical for the spring 2010 semester. She is researching gaming in libraries. Rob O'Boyle (Archives) is helping with research for a book commemorating the college's upcoming

50th anniversary in 2011. Jeff Harr presented another multimedia presentation in his "Albums that Shook the World" series (The Doors).

Cayuga: Our computer/tech help desks (staffed by part-timers and student assistants, and placed in the libraries on the Auburn and the Fulton campuses this year) are successfully diverting a fair amount of routine tech-help questions away from the reference desk, allowing the librarians to be more readily available for help with research. We've begun to create LibGuides and are finding them to be great resources for use in library instruction sessions. Thanks to Sara Davenport, Technical Services Librarian, the library has been able to design its own tab for Cayuga's upcoming implementation of the Luminis content management suite. The librarians will also be able to edit and update information on the tab after the campus goes live with Luminis this April.

Oneonta: SUNY Oneonta is happy to welcome Andy Perry as our new Head of Library Technologies. We are currently hosting the "Hiroshima Speaks" Poster Exhibit, provided by SUNY Oswego. Pamela Flinton co-presented "Get Along to Get Ahead - library and museum collaboration" at the Small Museums Association National Conference. Kay Benjamin and Nancy Cannon have traveled to NERCOMP 2010 Annual Conference this week.

Cobleskill: Building renovations continue. All public area restrooms save those in the lobby are out of commission until fall and some of us (me included) had to move our offices to the group study rooms upstairs. On a slightly more positive note, the Library is now opening one hour earlier Monday-Friday, at 7am. We launched a new text message feature this semester using Mosio's Text a Librarian service (www.textalibrarian.com). It's going well thus far. April Davies is serving as Presentations Co-Chair (with Kim Davies Hoffman from Geneseo) for the SUNYLA annual conference. Katherine Brent is serving as Pre-Conference Chair. Brendan Aucoin has joined the Library's Circulation staff on a part-time basis, covering afternoon/early evening hours.

Adirondack: Adirondack Community College has announced a new "branding identity": the college will be called SUNY Adirondack. See this link for details: <http://www.sunyacc.edu/displaynews.php&newsitem=731>

Binghamton: Binghamton University's President, Lois DeFleur, will be retiring in July so you may want to dust off your resumes. A "Voluntary Separation Program" is being offered to long time Binghamton University employees. Basically, it's a retirement incentive and will probably mean we will be losing more Library staff. However, this does not mean there will necessarily be new staff openings.

Nassau: Renovations are continuing at NCC. The carpeting on about a third of the second floor has been completed. The chair's office has moved into its new suite of offices, which now include a board room and a faculty development room. Our law section will be moving up to the recently carpeted area, allowing more room and quiet for our legal studies students. It will also allow legal studies teachers to come in and teach classes in the library. Planning is underway for our new information commons area that will be on the first floor of the library. We hope to finish it over the 2010 summer.

Buffalo: A search is currently underway for the position of Vice Provost/Director for University Libraries. Details are available at: <http://www.buffalo.edu/lib-vp/> Susan Davis, Head of Continuing Resources Acquisitions, received the 2010 NASIG Champion Award from the North American Serials Interest Group, in recognition of her many contributions to the serials field. The Libraries "Research Tips" tutorial has been accepted for inclusion in the ALA/ACRL Instruction Section's PRIMO database. <http://library.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/tutorials/>

Upstate: Currently the UPSTATE Health Sciences Library is doing a search for a Library Support Technician. There are renovations taking place in the library on the 1st floor in the Technical Services and Document Delivery areas. On the 2nd floor they are remodeling and creating a scholars den and medicinal garden. The Family Resource Center in the new Golisano Children's Hospital officially opened in February, 2010.

Brockport: SUNYLA 2010 - Pam O'Sullivan here is busy coordinating this year's gathering, which will be held at Brockport 6/16-18. As part of "LITS" (Library, Information & Technology Services) the library has recently been asked to examine it's priorities for organization and activities. We have had some informal discussion about the proposed SUNY "empowerment" act and what it might mean for SUNY. We are edging closer towards implementing a printing quota and charging system on campus.

Albany: We have much planning going on about upcoming renovations. Various groups within the libraries have been meeting to talk with the architects to express our needs/concerns/dreams. Several people were interested in book retrieval robots, which are apparently a real thing at several other libraries. We are all hopeful and glad to be included this early in the planning process. We have recently advertised for an Assistant Director for Collections, something that many of us have been lobbying for.

Fulton-Montgomery: FM is in the process of implementing IRIS 4-2 (Information Research Instruction Suite for 2-year colleges), a set of information literacy tutorials designed specifically for students in two-year colleges. It's open source and should be up a running in the next couple of weeks. Scanning the college archives. The library director is working with a few faculty members on campus and a library school student to scan all of those records and then (eventually) make them available electronically.

Delhi: In an effort to get more professors on board with information literacy efforts at SUNY Delhi, Angela Rhodes and myself (Dunstan McNutt), hosted a staff development workshop over the winter break to discuss ways we might better incorporate information literacy into the curriculum. Angela Rhodes led a webinar about Moodle for the WNYLRC Friday, March 5. Delhi is a part of the SUNYOne Pilot.

Oswego: Oswego will be the hosting the 7th annual IDS Conference August 3-4. There currently are 50 members and more are expected to join by the August Conference. We are expecting this to be the largest gathering of members to date. Also we are piloting the IDS Search Engine, along with 6 other libraries this spring. This spring we will be working with Sasaki Architectural Firm on a program study for renovation of our 45 year old building. Natalie Sturr and Michelle Parry have written a paper that will be published in the April 2010 issue of Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve. Article title is "Administrative Perspectives on Dynamic Collections and Effective Interlibrary Loan"

Cortland: As of this summer, the Technology Help Desk will be integrated into Memorial Library. This will involve some physical shifting of various offices. The library is the first priority on the college's master plan, and diagrams of a prospective renovation have been circulated.

3. Report Recaps

3.1. Officers

3.1.1. President – Logan Rath

SUNYLA Presidents Report

Administrative

Since our last meeting, we have had several changes:

1. Matt Smith (Sullivan) and Amy Hillick (Orange) have stepped down as LiSUG Chairs.
2. Amanda Hollister has left the SUNY system.
 - o I have appointed myself Web Manager Pro Tempore (as I was a member of the Web Management Team) until the business with the Technology Users Group (See Bylaws §1 of my report). I will also submit a web report.
3. Colleen Lougen will be stepping down from SAC for personal reasons in June/July.
 - o I am going to ask Angela to appoint this person at the June council meeting.

Bylaws

1. I present to you a bylaws amendment for the spring ballot which would allow us to merge the IT committee and LiSUG. The change to the bylaws is pretty straight forward, combining the charges of each. See the attachment with this post.
2. After some talk with Dan Harms this week, and Angela Weiler, I would like to entertain discussion either in person or online, on the pros and cons of changing the term of the SUNYLA president to a two year engagement. Either the Vice-President and President would serve concurrently, or the President and Past President would serve concurrently. Here's an example of how it would work:

Person	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
1	(V)P	P	PP				
2		VP	P	P	PP		
3				VP	P	P	PP
4						VP	P

This would change the expected commitment to 4 years, one more year than committee chairs. **Please comment on this.** I don't think this would be possible to implement until the newly elected vice president's term as president were over.

SCLD Update

The Annual SCLD Conference will be held in April. Angela Weiler and I will be present.

Action Items

1. Endorse the bylaws update for the Technology Users Group
2. Discussion on the increase of the term of President to 2 years, to begin with a VP elected in Spring 2011.

Proposed new bylaws:

12.4.2 Technology Users Group

12.4.2.1 The Technology Users Group shall serve as a focus for the exchange of information about technology; including sharing and exploring best practices for effectively identifying and evaluating, seamlessly integrating, and successfully assessing outcomes and impacts of technology for library services; and establishing liaisons on information technology with other SUNY professional organizations as appropriate.

12.4.2.2 The 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.

12.4.2.3 The Library Group shall arrange meetings or conferences as needed, one a year at minimum, to pursue its purposes.

Article 13: Web Manager

13.1 Term of Appointment.

13.1.1 The Web Manager shall serve for an indefinite period at the discretion of the Executive Board.

13.2 Duties.

13.2.1 The Web Manager shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the Association Web site. In consultation with the Executive Board, it shall be the responsibility of the Web manager to mount and maintain documents as requested by the Executive Board, Committee Chairpersons, Liaisons and other members and to perform other appropriate Web development activities. The Web Manager is a voting member of the Executive Board.

13.2.2. The Web Manager shall participate in the Technology Users Group.

Current bylaws:

12.4.2 Information Technology Committee

The 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 information technology with other SUNY professional organizations as appropriate.

12.4.4 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.

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3.1.2. First Vice President – Angela Weiler

1st Vice President's Report SUNYLA Council – March 12, 2010

I am pleased to present the slate of candidates for the SUNYLA Executive Council position vacancies:

1st. Vice President – President Elect: April Davies - Cobleskill
2nd Vice President – Conference Chair: Debra Kimok - Plattsburgh; Shannon Pritting - Oswego
Secretary: Alesia McManus - Binghamton; Carleen Huxley - Jefferson Community College

All names have been forwarded to April Davies (SUNYLA secretary) for the ballot.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Weiler
1st. Vice President

3.1.3. Secretary – April Davies

SUNYLA Secretary's Report for March 12, 2010 April Davies

Reporting for the record: In January, a motion was brought forward by Joanne Spadaro that SUNYLA donate \$500 to Partners in Health for Haiti earthquake relief. Follow discussion on the Council list, an electronic vote was conducted and the motion was approved unanimously.

I'm proposing changes to sections 5.4 (1stVP) and 5.6 (Secretary) of the bylaws. Basically, I think we should move the language with regard to running the elections to the Secretary section. This job has been done by the Secretary since at least 2004, probably before. These changes would reflect that reality. Proposed language follows this report.

For the upcoming election, I am proposing the following cut dates:

- Ballot goes out March 25
- Membership must be current by April 16 to be eligible to vote → need to clarify how members and/or delegates will check this
- Votes must be received by the Secretary by April 29, urging people to send them by April 22 to ensure timely arrival

Language for the ballot follows this report. If the various amendments to be discussed at the March 12 meeting are approved, they will of course be added.

Since I am a candidate this year, rest assured that I will have someone count the ballots with me to ensure fairness.

Action items:

- Endorse proposed bylaws changes
- Approve cut dates for election
- Approve ballot

Proposed bylaws changes re 1st VP and Secretary

1. Change stated duties of 1st Vice President/President Elect to reflect current practice. Strike current language:

5.4 The First Vice President (President Elect) shall succeed to the office of the President following a one year term as First Vice President. A First Vice President succeeding to a vacancy in the office of President shall serve the unfilled term succeeded to and the term to which s/he was elected. The First Vice President (President Elect) shall: 1) perform the duties of the President in the President's absence; (2) appoint and chair the Nominating Committee; (3) prepare and distribute ballots and tabulate the results of the elections for Officers and of all referenda to the Membership and announce the results of elections and balloting on referenda; (4) perform such other duties as may be required.

In favor of:

5.4 The First Vice President (President Elect) shall succeed to the office of the President following a one year term as First Vice President. A First Vice President succeeding to a vacancy in the office of President shall serve the unfilled term succeeded to and the term to which s/he was elected. The First Vice President (President Elect) shall: 1) perform the duties of the President in the President's absence; (2) appoint and chair the Nominating Committee; (3) perform such other duties as may be required.

2. Change stated duties of Secretary to reflect current practice. Strike current language:

5.6 The Secretary shall serve for two years and may be re-elected. The Secretary shall: (1) keep and distribute the official record of all General Sessions of the Association and of the meetings of the Executive Board and Council; (2) perform such other duties as may be required.

In favor of:

5.6 The Secretary shall serve for two years and may be re-elected. The Secretary shall: (1) keep and distribute the official record of all General Sessions of the Association and of the meetings of the Executive Board and Council; (2) prepare and distribute ballots and tabulate the results of the elections for Officers and of all referenda to the Membership and announce the results of elections and balloting on referenda; (3) perform such other duties as may be required.

—For Report Only, Not the Actual Ballot—

**OFFICIAL SPRING 2010 SUNYLA BALLOT
ELECTION OF OFFICERS, BYLAWS CHANGES**

The following slate of candidates has been placed in nomination for SUNYLA offices for 2010/2011. Please check the box next to the candidate's name to vote for that candidate. If choosing a write-in candidate, check the box next to the blank line, and print the person's name on the line provided. Please check YES or NO for the proposed Bylaws changes.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT (two year term)

April Davies (Cobleskill)

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAM CHAIR (one year term)

Shannon Pritting (Oswego)

SECRETARY (two year term)

Carleen Huxley (Jefferson)

Alesia McManus (Binghamton)

BYLAWS CHANGE #1 (Section 11.3.2: Term Length for Standing Committee Chairs)

I vote YES to change Section 11.3.2 of the SUNYLA Bylaws as proposed

I vote NO

BYLAWS CHANGE #2 (Section 14.1.1: Term Length for Liaisons)

I vote YES to change Section 14.1.1 of the SUNYLA Bylaws as proposed

I vote NO

BYLAWS CHANGE #3 (Section 14.2.5: Liaison Appointment)

I vote YES to change Section 14.2.5 of the SUNYLA Bylaws as proposed

I vote NO

[candidate statements]

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

1. Change length of term for Standing Committee Chairs from two (2) to three (3) years. Strike current language:

11.3.2 The Chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall serve for two years, the second year of which is subject to affirmation by the President.

In favor of:

11.3.2 The Chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall serve for three years, Individuals may succeed themselves.

Change endorsed by SUNYLA Council November 18th, 2009

2. Change length of term for Liaisons from two (2) to three (3) years. Strike current language:

14.1.1 Liaison positions carry indeterminate terms. The expected commitment is two years, but individuals may succeed themselves.

In favor of:

14.1.1 Liaison positions carry indeterminate terms. The expected commitment is three years, but individuals may succeed themselves.

Change endorsed by SUNYLA Council November 18th, 2009

3. Change manner of appointing of Liaisons so as to streamline the process. Strike current language:

14.2.5 Liaison Appointment

The President, with approval of the Executive Board, may appoint liaisons to other organizations, as appropriate. The liaison represents the Association to the other organization. The liaison attends both the other organization's meetings, representing SUNYLA, and SUNYLA Executive Board/Council meetings, and reports to the Association on activities of the other organization.

In favor of:

14.2.5 Liaison Appointment

The President may provisionally appoint liaisons to other organizations, as appropriate. The liaison represents the Association to the other organization. The liaison attends both the other organization's meetings, representing SUNYLA, and SUNYLA Executive Board and Council meetings, and reports to the Association on activities of the other organization. The Executive Board must approve the appointment at their next meeting.

Change endorsed by SUNYLA Council November 18th, 2009

3.1.4. Treasurer – Greg Bobish

Greg Bobish pointed out that meetings are getting more expensive. We're actually getting down around \$8,000 in the account. April Davies: Noted that we used to have delegates/attendees pitch in toward lunch cost. Could we get the cost info for meeting broken down further? How much is food, how much is travel, etc? Angela Weiler: Lunch at Onondaga was about \$250. Bobish: Depends a lot on the campus. Albany seems expensive. For this meeting, parking was \$120, food was \$666 (lunch and 2 coffee services). Davies: Maybe we need to target the cheaper campuses for meetings. Weiler: Brought up the large shortfall from the 2008 Potsdam conference. Conferences frequently run in the red and organizers need to aim to break even. Davies: We need to be clear that we were conciously paying down the treasury that year and that accounts for some of it, plus there was \$1000 for the Potsdam conference office. Should consider how low registration rates have been. Logan Rath: Current group is aiming for at least even for this conference. Are instituting a number of cost saving and green efforts. Dan Harms: One other way to raise money would be to raise dues. It has been a number of years. Not sure what people think about the idea but it is an option. Rath: It's feasible. Pretty sure the bylaws say it just has to be approved by the Council. General discussion that if we increase it, it should be small, like \$5. Brought up the student category idea and suggested \$30 for renewing, \$20 for first time professional, and \$10 for student. Was general consensus that this could work and further discussion and a vote was added to New Business. Davies: Back to the cost of meetings topic, we should make it a point to always get a head count in advance. So that we don't overorder lunch too much. A simple web form would work. Bobish: Agrees and thinks it would be helpful to have a checklist for host

sites, maybe on the website, with what to do and when. Rath: Regarding our nonprofit status, we could change to 501c(4) because then we'd also be exempt for sales tax. Asked Greg to look into the idea.

Treasurer's report
Greg Bobish

Here is the usual spreadsheet, enjoy!

A few other items I'll raise for discussion at the meeting:

1. How much is reasonable to spend for council meetings? The costs vary widely by campus. The recent breakdown including food/parking/officer travel:

Brockport: 402.07
FIT: 595.95
Albany: 786.00 (not yet including officer travel)

2. Paypal: the account is set up, I am waiting for them to finish verifying our non-profit status so that I'm able to transfer funds into our bank account. Before this happens, I'm not comfortable accepting payments via Paypal because I don't want our money trapped there. I've sent the documentation they asked for and am hopeful it will be sufficient. Once this is dealt with, it's simply a matter of deciding where to put the Paypal buttons, and I think Logan has some ideas about this.

3. Non-profit paperwork -We have the original 1970 IRS determination letter, in all it's crumbling yellow glory. We also have a letter from 1997 confirming our 510c(6) status with the IRS which has been sufficient for our needs so far, to my knowledge.

We have no current state non-profit form/letter, however there are some documents from previous treasurer's (1980) consultations with the State Tax department which I would like to share at the meeting.

Date	Income and Expense Summary		TOTALS
	Category Description	10/2009-12/2009	1/2010-3/2010
INCOME			
10/1/2009	Starting balance	5534.83	
11/23/2009	Remaining funds from previous treasurer	13226.27	
Membership Dues			
10/26/2009	SUNY New	40.00	
10/26/2009	SUNY Renewing	275.00	
1/15/2010	SUNY Renewing		75.00
2/17/2009	SUNY Associate		10.00
2/17/2009	SUNY Renewing		50.00
	TOTAL Membership Dues	315.00	135.00
			450.00
Conference Income			
12/18/2009	Payback from A. Weiler/2009 Conf.	3812.43	
	TOTAL Conference Income	3812.43	
Miscellaneous			
2/18/2010	Paypal test funds - may disappear		0.19
	TOTAL Miscellaneous		0.19
	TOTAL INCOME	22888.53	135.19
			23023.72
EXPENSES			
Conference Expenses			
	SUNYLA		

12/7/2009	2010 Startup funds - Pam O'Sullivan	-5000.00		
	TOTAL Conference Expenses	-5000.00		
2/17/2010	Meeting Expenses			
	Catering Expenses at FIT 11/18/2009		-424.75	
3/12/2010	Catering Expenses at UA 3/12/2010		-666.00	
3/12/2010	Parking Expenses at UA 3/12/2010		-120.00	
	TOTAL Meeting expenses		-1210.75	
	Officer's Expenses			
	Travel			
10/26/2009	April Davies' council meeting lodging (Brockport)	-96.90		
10/20/2009	Greg Bobish council meeting travel (Brockport)	-143.62		
10/28/2009	Logan Rath council meeting travel (NYC)	-99.20		
10/29/2009	Logan Rath SCLD meeting travel (Utica)	-165.18		
12/4/2009	Greg Bobish council meeting travel (NYC)	-72.00		
1/15/2010	Logan Rath NYC travel		-21.00	
2/26/2010	Angela Weiler SCLD registration		-170.00	
	TOTAL Officer's Expenses	-576.90	-191.00	-767.90
	Professional Development Committee			
11/24/2009	Grants program - Y. Chen	-500.00		
1/11/2010	Grants program - C.Germain		-500.00	
	TOTAL Professional Development Committee	-500.00	-500.00	-1000.00
10/23/2009	Publications Committee	-1000.00		
	TOTAL Publications Committee	-1000.00		-1000.00
2/17/2010	Donation to Partners in Health - Haiti		-500.00	
	TOTAL Miscellaneous		-500.00	-500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	-7076.90	-2401.75	-9478.65
	INCOME-EXPENSES	\$ 15,811.63	\$ (2,266.56)	\$13,545.07

3.2. Committees

3.2.1. Membership Development – Wendy West

Membership Development Committee Report March 5, 2010

Membership Statistics:

As of March 5, 2010, there are 240 members in SUNYLA, including 40 new members. In SUNYLA there are 65 delegate positions; 27 delegates have been identified so far and all are currently members.

Membership Proceedings:

- 1) The Chair continues to work closely with the treasurer, G. Bobish, to update the member document as new memberships are submitted.
- 2) There have been five requests for formal letters from members, documenting membership for tenure/continuing appointment purposes.

- 3) The Membership Development Committee has been working via email on both ideas for the membership social at this year's conference and the concept of a delegate "toolbox". Ideas for both topics are being posted on a moodle account that was recently created to allow the committee to work together online.
- 4) In an effort to create a "toolbox" for delegates to better understand their responsibilities and to support them in that role a brief, informal survey of delegates was done by committee member, R. Humes. The survey and results on posted on the MDC moodle site. A copy is attached to this report below.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Wendy West, Membership Development Committee Chair

The SUNYLA Membership Development Committee is researching better way to keep delegates informed, and to assist them in their positions(as delegates). We are thinking of making a "tool kit" to assist the delegates and we would like to know if you could take a few minutes to answer the following questions:

When elected delegate, were you given information on how to do your job as a delegate?

- Given information by former delegate – 5
- Some information – 4
- No information at all – 8
- Don't remember -1

If yes, was the information lacking in any way?

- Don't remember – 1
- Didn't answer – 1
- N/A -7
- Yes – 6
- No – 3

Were you aware that there is a "[Manual of Responsibilities](#)" that includes the delegates, housed on the [SUNYLA](#) website?

- Found on your own – 4
 - Was told about it about half-way through serving first year -1
 - Found out at a council meeting – 1
 - Informed by this email – 9
- Also, please feel free to send me any questions or concerns.
- Yes – 3

Additional comments:

- Logan was very helpful when he was VP, he sent out questionnaires and informed people of their duties
- No support on campus in terms of travel funding and time to fulfill responsibilities

3.2.2. Personnel Policies – Corinne Nyquist

Personnel Policies Committee

Seeking common ground for all SUNY librarians, I have focused on our relationship with faculty through campus governance. Those of us in the 34 SUNY operated campuses have the Board of Trustees Policies which state that we are academic faculty. Librarians in the 30 community colleges are totally dependent on local campus contracts, some of which give them much and some which do not. With the help of my committee member, Kevin McCoy of Suffolk Community College, we have gained the support of Tina Good, President of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges behind a resolution in support of community college librarians at a meeting to be held at Erie Community College March 24-27 of this year.

Corinne Nyquist, Chair, Personnel Policies Committee.

3.2.3. Professional Development – Darryl Coleman

Professional Development Committee Report

Daniel Kissane:

Award has been posted to SUNYLA Conference website. Please support chair Colleen Lougen by suggesting possible candidates.

Sylvia Chu:

Award has been posted to SUNYLA Conference website. Please support (chair) Justine Elmore by suggesting possible candidates

Friend of SUNYLA award:

Award has been posted to SUNYLA Conference website. Please support (chair) Greg Bobish by suggesting possible candidates

SUNYLA Professional Development Grants Subcommittee:

Members of the Professional Development Grants Subcommittee:

Holly Chambers (Potsdam), April Davies (Cobleskill), Daniel DiLandro (Buffalo State), Sarah Moon (Finger Lakes), Marianne Muha (Buffalo State), Susan Perry (Brockport), Werner Sbaschnik (Old Westbury), Joanne Spadaro (Old Westbury) (chair)

Advertising Initiatives:

Sent an email advertisement entitled, "What's Your Resolution for the New Year?" to the SUNYLA listserv on January 10, 2010

Submitted a Professional Development Grants program advertisement for the next issue of the SUNYLA Newsletter

Budget & Awards:

The Subcommittee awarded six grants totaling \$2,800 for the 2009-10 fiscal year thus far. We have a balance of \$3,700 in the budget. Here are the grants awarded for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

Opening Balance.....	\$6500
7/10/2009 Yu-Hui Chen (Albany) \$500	
9/10/2009 Carol Anne Germaine (Albany) \$500	
10/26/2009 Antonia Di Gregorio (Old Westbury) \$500	
12/3/2009 Dunstan McNutt (Delhi) \$300	
1/20/2010 Morgan Gwenwald (New Paltz) \$500	
2/24/2010 Christopher Hebblethwaite (Oswego) <u>\$500</u>	
Total Awarded.....	\$2800
Closing Balance.....	\$3700

Grant Awarded:

Since the last Council Meeting the Professional Development Grants Subcommittee has awarded a \$300 award for Dunstan McNutt from SUNY Delhi; and a \$500 award for Morgan Gwenwald (New Paltz) to attend The Art of Gender in Everyday Life VII Conference at Idaho State University to present her paper. (Correction: Please note that Christopher Hebblethwaite from Oswego also received a \$500 grant since the last Council Meeting.)

Respectfully Submitted
Darryl Coleman Chair, SUNYLA PDC
March 5, 2010

3.2.4. Publications – Ellen McCabe

[Ellen McCabe noted that will probably be asking for money at next meeting.](#)

SUNYLA Publications Committee
Ellen McCabe, Chair
March 12, 2010

Members of the Publications Committee: Lori Annesi (Monroe), Jim Coan (Oneonta), Linda Gorman (Nassau), Gerry Leibowitz (Nassau), Jennifer Little (Brockport), Ellen McCabe (Cortland) (chair), Shannon Pritting (Oswego), Jennifer Smathers (Brockport).

From the financial end of things \$1000 from the board was deposited on October 22, 2009.

A check was written to Brockport printing for \$387 on December 3, 2009, and we now have about \$695 in the account. A bill for 266.08 is yet to be deducted from that amount; however that would leave us with a balance of \$428.92. We printed 170 copies of the most recent newsletter.

Issues of the SUNYLA newsletter are available at the SUNYLA website; the October issue is at:

<http://sunyla.org/joomlaprod/images/stories/newsletters/2009oct.pdf>

Hard copies will continue to be distributed to individual campuses. Please let Jennifer Little know about changes in membership and need for multiple copies.

Please continue to submit items for the next Newsletter. Submissions to newsletter are being accepted via the Moodle website and via E-mail. The next issue due date is April 15, 2009. Please send items to Shannon Pritting pritting@oswego.edu or Jennifer Smathers jsmather@brockport.edu

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McCabe (Chair)

3.2.5.Web Development – Logan Rath

Logan Rath has taken over from Amanda Hollister as she has left SUNY. He'll handle it until the new Tech committee is in place (assuming it's approved) and we can recruit a new web manager at that time. April Davies: Can you customize the 'oops, it's not here' page so people can email you when they try a page that doesn't have a redirect? Some things are very different and that will help us find glitches in the organizational scheme. Rath: Yes, no problem. Asked for any feedback. Davies: Color scheme is funky. Rath: Pointed out significant changes on the new site. Send errors to him or web@sunyla.org. Pam Flinton: Would like to stick with just SUNYLA rather than the full name whenever possible as we discussed in the morning. Bill Drew: Can we add twitter, facebook, etc. functionality? Jill Yaples: The navigation needs work. Logan demoed the new membership database. Pointed out that public can only see current members (name, email, and if someone is a delegate and/or new member). Drew: Can we add more fields to add facebook, twitter, etc. stuff? Davies: It would need to be an opt-in with a warning that it will be public if you provide it. Rath: Will need to work on that a little down the road.

Web Manager (Pro Tempore) Report
Logan Rath

Two major updates:

1. The SUNYLA site has been ported to drupal, but is not live yet. You can preview it at <http://www.sunyla.org/drupaldev/>
 - o The site is using Drupal (a much easier CMS than Joomla).
 - o URLs will change (no more /joomlaprod/). Please tell me which pages you use so that I can redirect them to the new system and prevent NOT FOUND pages.
 - o The reason for not using Wordpress was that it is simply too difficult to have a main page and content page be the same thing. There would be duplicate editing happening.
2. Membership Database
 - o In consultation with Mike Curtis (Broome), Wendy and Greg, we are transitioning to an ONLINE membership database. It is live online at <http://www.sunyla.org/membership2/>
 - People will be able to look themselves up to verify current membership.
 - All members will be assigned an ID # (3 digits) that they can use to renew their membership or state that they are current members.
 - Delegates will be able to look up members IDs and see the last paid date for anyone in the system.
 - A future enhancement may restrict this to just their Location.
 - "Administrative Access" will allow for more expedient processing of membership requests.
 - Users will be informed of their SUNYLA membership number each time a system email is generated (at either the point of payment or a reminder that dues have not been received).

- The password will be disseminated (to the Council listserv) along with a screen cast by the Council meeting.

Action items:

1. Endorse the launch of the new SUNYLA website within the week following the Council Meeting.
2. Endorse the use of the Membership Database.

3.2.6.WGIL – Kim Hoffman

COMMITTEE REPORT: Working Group for Information Literacy (WGIL)

Submitted by: Kim Hoffman, WGIL Chair

COCID Grant Proposal:

A subgroup of WGIL recently collaborated to submit a grant proposal in time for FACT's March 1 deadline. We are proposing a one-day conference entitled, *Effective Technology, Effective Teacher: Breeding the Blended Librarian*, which will combine practical lessons of sound pedagogical theory with the incorporation of technology in the information literacy "classroom." Michael Daly of Fulton-Montgomery Community College has worked with his administration to secure his campus as the intended location. Response regarding award of the grant will arrive within six weeks of our March 1 submission date.

WGIL members who have volunteered thus far:

- Michael Daly, Fulton-Montgomery Community College
- Irina Holden, University at Albany
- Jennifer Little, The College at Brockport
- Pam O'Sullivan, The College at Brockport
- Logan Rath, The College at Brockport
- Dana Longley, Empire State College
- Nicki Lerczak, Genesee Community College
- Michelle Costello, SUNY Geneseo
- Kim Hoffman, SUNY Geneseo
- Nicole Menarchem, SUNY Geneseo
- Tracy Paradis, SUNY Geneseo
- Carleen Huxley, Jefferson Community College
- Shannon Pritting, SUNY Oswego

LILAC – <http://libraryinstruction.org/academy/>

Progress within the Library Instruction Leadership Academy is moving along nicely with two full workshop days completed and the third to take place March 9, 2010. WGIL members who are involved in the academy organization and implementation are already making arrangements for a graduation ceremony which will be held in mid-May.

Michelle Costello, Project Manager of LILAC, will lead three academy students in a panel presentation at the upcoming SUNYLA conference.

Following is a list of WGIL members who are involved in LILAC.

- Michelle Costello (Geneseo), Project Manager
- Justina Elmore (Geneseo)
- Lisa Forrest (Buffalo State), Observation Librarian
- Kimberly Hoffman (Geneseo), Coordinator of Final Projects, Observation Librarian
- Nicki Lerczak (Genesee CC), Coordinator of Field Work, Observation Librarian
- Jennifer Little (Brockport), Coordinator of Application Process
- Nicole Menarchem (Geneseo)
- Logan Rath (Brockport), Coordinator of Technology, Observation Librarian
- Alice Wilson (Monroe CC), Coordinator of Workshops

WGIL members due to present a LILAC workshop:

- Michelle Costello (Geneseo) – Instructional Strategies
- Kimberly Hoffman (Geneseo) - Instructional Strategies

Barbara Kobritz (TC3) – Assessment
Jennifer Little (Brockport) – Assessment
Nicki Lerczak (Genesee CC) –Learners and Partners (Faculty)
Dana Longley (Empire State) - Teaching with Technology
Stephan Macaluso (New Paltz) – Assessment

3.2.7. Archives (ad hoc) – Dan Harms

[Logan Rath asked Dan to give us due dates and reminders.](#)

Archives Ad Hoc Committee
Dan Harms

The Archives Committee is awaiting the archival plans from the other SUNYLA units.

3.3. Liaisons

3.3.1. FACT – Mark McBride

FACT Report
Mark McBride

Minutes from last FACT Council meeting attached [online]. Much discussion about the FACT Bylaws and our relationship with CPD.

Also, the union (UUP) has sent out a mailer that the University Senate has expressed concern over. Below are the highlights.

- The Chancellor has circulated important documents, re: General Education requirements that have implications for transfer and articulation requirements.
- Instead of 10 required Gen Ed, transfer students may now enter with 7 out of 10 courses transferred as long as they enter with AA or AS degrees.
- Campuses can do whatever they want with “native” students, but different rules for transfers.
- Public Higher Education Act was discussed, and that too will have implications – Presidents will support this act, but UUP has concerns, and comprehensive colleges are worried that it will set up competition with differential tuition. Will shift how funding is appropriated, and potentially lead to declines in State support.

3.3.2. LACUNY – Kadri Niider

LACUNY Liaison Report

LACUNY Executive Council meeting: February 19, 2010

- planning on applying again to ACRL for the Scholarly Communication 101 Road Show, this time with Hunter College (?):

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow.cfm>

- setting up copyright Web site to be maintained by legal counsel (currently there are various copyright pages throughout the CUNY sites)

- have lost many items via LAND, which says that they are not responsible

- new federal and state laws to go into effect 7/1/2010, requiring list with professor, course, textbook, cost -- LACUNY feels that libraries should not be responsible for this

- review of committee and roundtable events (SUNYLA was invited to the Collection Development Roundtable program on February 26, later cancelled due to snowstorm)

- VP reported with interest on learning about SUNYs support of electronic databases and librarian(s) on SUNYs Strategic Plan committee

- a fruitful discussion about how to recognize a special librarian -- evolved through many ideas (awards, within LACUNY, beyond, what's fair, etc.) -- finally all were in agreement with a lecture series in memory of the person, proposals accepted by LACUNY, giving young librarians opportunity to practice presenting on a smaller scale

Minutes of November 13, 2009 meeting in DSpace:

<http://dspace.nitle.org/bitstream/handle/10090/13082/ECMinutes11.13.09.pdf?sequence=1>

Next meeting is on March 12, 2010, same day as SUNYLA's

3.3.3. SAC – Colleen Lougen

SAC Liaison Report
Colleen Lougen

1. The April SCLD meeting will focus on strategic planning. The Chancellor will speak virtually at the meeting for an hour.
2. The members of the Library Access Working Group have completed their work. Library access is one of 10 infrastructure issues identified by the Chancellor. The Group consisted of the following individuals:

Carey Hatch (co-chair), Rick Winant (co-chair, Downstate), NJ Wolfe (FIT), and David Penniman (Nylink).

The group members from Non-SUNY were: Curtis Kendrick (CUNY), Loretta Ebert (NYS Library), Pam McLaughlin (Syracuse), Patti McCall (Albany Molecular Research, Inc.), Susan Currie (Tompkins County Public Library), Donald Boyce (Alumni), David Hochman (Business Incubator Association of NYS), Thomas Flynn (NYS Dept. of Health).

The Chancellor requested a report from the Group by March 1, 2010.

3. The Future of SUNY Libraries Webinars Series (SUNYLA, SAC, SCLD) is being planned. These webinars are intended to spark a SUNY-wide conversation about rethinking, reshaping, and refocusing our work. The following individuals have been identified to work on planning the webinars: Colleen Lougen (SUNYLA & SAC), Logan Rath (SUNYLA), Cerise Oberman (SAC), Maureen Zajkowski (SAC & OLIS), John Meador (SCLD/Binghamton), Elizabeth Orgeron (SCLD/Cobleskill), and Randy Gadikian (SCLD/Fredonia). These webinars will be scheduled in March and April.

3.3.4. OLIS – John Schumacher

SUNY Office of Library and Information Services
Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
John Schumacher (john.schumacher@suny.edu)
March 12, 2010

SUNYConnect LMS and Related Activities

- **Union Catalog** – Development of a union catalog replacement system using the WorldCat API is ongoing. (See January 29, 2010 report for more information.)
- **Aleph Hardware Upgrade** -- the ITEC, OLIS and Ex Libris have been meeting to discuss upgrading the Aleph hardware for the campuses on the shared servers. The upgrade needs to conform with Ex Libris supported configurations. The goal is still to split the hardware and software upgrade process to reduce the variables associated with each.
- **Reclamation Project** -- Documentation about the process and project responsibilities is available on the Footprints KnowledgeBase (#6897).
- **Springer MARC records** – OLIS is loading these records for the campuses; this includes some clean-up of the records as well as the addition of the campus-specific proxy server URL.

Electronic Resources

- **EBSCO** – the 2009 cost-per-use (full-text downloads) for the SUNYConnect resources from EBSCO was \$0.08; downloads increased by more than 40% over the previous year.
- **Alexander Street Press** – price proposal (via OLIS Docs) - http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/olisdocs/public/Electronic_Resources/Alexander_Street_Video_Proposal_Feb_2010.xls Trial access set up for comprehensive colleges through March 2010; for more information about the resources -- (<http://alexanderstreet.com/products/cves.htm>).
- **CUNY / SUNY**—Gale proposal available via OLIS Documents - http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/olisdocs/public/Electronic_Resources/Gale_Nursing_and_HRCA_Pricing_CUNY_SUNY_Jan

[2010.xls](#) Additional discussion with the vendor resulted in all subscribers being eligible for the 30% discount level (for Health Reference Center or Nursing/Allied Health Collection) as well as the vendor's offer of free access to their Nursing Resource Center; decisions needed this month; vendor indicates credits will be available if the New York State Library adds these resources to NOVEL.

- **NOVEL** – indication is that the New York State Library is soliciting bids for parts of NOVEL with a start date of July 1, 2010.
- **Films on Demand** – new pricing and discount structure received from the vendor
http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/olisdocs/public/Electronic_Resources/Films_on_Demand_pricing_June_2010.xls ; goal will be to sync up SUNY subscriptions to the SUNY fiscal year (July 1--) to maximize the discount available to all campuses.

SUNY Digital Repository/Dspace

- The repository advanced the second highest amount of any registered DSpace site in an international metric; international ranking of the SUNY Digital Repository went from 118 to 70th place; metric can be found at http://repositories.webometrics.info/top400_rep_inst.asp ; description/more information - <http://www.facebook.com/notes/mire/webometrics-repository-ranking-january-2010-45-dspaces-in-top-100/294809723767>

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>
- OLIS Support Portal
<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/support/>
- SUNYConnect union catalog
<http://union.sunyconnect.suny.edu:8080/F>
- OLIS Documents Area
<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/olisdocs/>
- The OLIS web log - <http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/blog/>

3.3.5. UUP – John Schumacher

John highlighted ways to support SUNY and UUP. Web links regarding PHEEIA and about Advocacy Day. Encouraged people to participate in advocacy activities. A general discussion of PHEEIA followed.

UUP Liaison Report

John Schumacher (Central@uupmail.org)

SUNYLA Executive Board/Council

March 12, 2010

United University Professions (UUP) is the union representing more than 34,000 academic and professional faculty on 29 State University of New York campuses, plus System Administration, Empire State College, and the New York State Theatre Institute. UUP is affiliated with the New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

SUNY Budget

- The governor's proposed budget includes \$118 million in SUNY budget cuts and approximately \$30 million in payroll-based givebacks (hypothetically lag pay, etc.);
- Please visit http://www.uupinfo.org/take_action.html and urge colleagues, friends, families to do the same in support of SUNY and UUP legislative agenda;
- Please visit <http://savesuny.org/> and urge colleagues, friends, families to do the same in support of SUNY and UUP legislative agenda;
- "Labor groups suggest revenue raisers" http://www.uupinfo.org/revenue_enhancements.html
- "UUP: SUNY Students Can't Tolerate further Cuts" <http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release10/100127.html>

SUNY "Flexibility"

- "SUNY is facing the greatest threat to its existence and your job could be affected. Like a wolf in sheep's clothing, this threat comes in the form of the so-called "Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act," proposed by Gov. Paterson and promoted heavily by the SUNY administration in its "SUNY Advocates" Web site and in many public statements.

“Don’t be fooled by the “SUNY Advocate” hype. SUNY wants the power and freedom of a private university and it will pay any price to get it – including making it easy for the state to walk away from its responsibility to fund public higher education and our jobs.” (first and last paragraph of 2/22/10 letter from UUP President Phil Smith to UUP membership)

Advocacy

- Please visit http://www.uupinfo.org/take_action.html and urge colleagues, friends, families to do the same in support of SUNY and UUP legislative agenda;
- Please visit <http://savesuny.org/> and urge colleagues, friends, families to do the same in support of SUNY and UUP legislative agenda;
- Please contact your UUP chapter to assist in the fight against ongoing budget cuts, etc; advocacy sessions (usually on Tuesdays) began January 26, 2010;
- New York State Theater Institute is facing a proposed *total* budget cut (over two years); please sign <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/Citizens4NYSTI> in support of **NYSTI**;
- Higher Education Action Day – March 9, 2010 – rally and advocacy (UUP, PSC, NYPIRG, Student Union will participate) -- New York State Capitol.

Media Coverage

- Save SUNY Rally; 2/5/10; video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCE8UuaBBsA> ; write up - http://www.legislativegazette.com/Articles-c-2010-02-08-65319.113122_SUNY_changes_protested.html#print
- “Capital Profile: Phillip H. Smith, President of United University Professions” <http://www.timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=906088&category=REGION&TextPage=1>

Documentation

- New “Guide for Professional Employees” available <http://www.uupinfo.org/reports/ProfessionalEmployeeGuide10WEB.pdf>

Contract Benefits/Legislative Efforts

- As of April 1, 2010 Optional Retirement Plan participants with 10 years (or more) participation will have all retirement contributions made by the state;
- For more information about the Voluntary Reduction in Work Schedule benefit, see <http://www.uupinfo.org/VRWS.pdf>

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4. New Business (including action items from reports)

4.1. Approve creation of NYSHEI liaison position with Teresa Ronning (Adirondack) and Austin Booth (Buffalo) serving jointly

Approved unanimously.

4.2. President: Endorse the bylaws update for the Technology Users Group

Logan noted that he has worked with various people on this and that the current chair of the Information Technology Committee is fully behind it. A suggestion was made and accepted to remove the word “Library” from 12.4.2.3. → Endorsed unanimously, as amended.

4.3. President: Discussion on the increase of the term of President to 2 years, to begin with Spring 2011 election

Logan Rath noted that he has talked with several of the past presidents and others and that the inspiration for this idea is his feeling that he's just now getting his feet under him in the job. Ellen McCabe: Pointed out that extending the commitment is not likely to increase participation. General discussion about current structure and duties. Bill Drew: Suggested that we should give the 1st VP a stronger direction and involvement with SCLD and such rather than extending the term because 2 years is going to discourage a lot of people. Dan Harms: Pointed out that 1st VP and Past President wouldn't overlap anymore so Past Prez would have to absorb some of 1st VP duties during that year. April Davies: Think increasing responsibilities of 1st VP is very doable. Pointed out that recent delegate survey indicated that delegates really appreciated Logan's efforts with regard to delegate relations during his term. Concerned that there would be a year with a Prez but no 1st VP. We have had a situation in the past where the person who was just elected 1st VP left SUNY. What if the Prez got a great job offer and left during that year. Then do we turn to the Past Prez and make him/her come back? This is a more complicated issue than we can decide in one day and we'd have to do that if we want it in place for the next election. There are ramifications that we haven't completely thought out. → Charged Angela Weiler to examine this idea further, working with past presidents and others as appropriate. Recommendation due to Council by Feb. 2011.

4.4. Secretary: Approval of Spring ballot & election cut dates

It was suggested and accepted that members write their member #s on the ballot envelopes as well. → Approved unanimously.

4.5. Secretary: Endorse changes to sections 5.4 and 5.6 of bylaws

Approved unanimously.

4.6. Web: Endorse the launch of the new SUNYLA website within the week following the Council Meeting

Approved unanimously.

4.7. Web: Endorse the use of the Membership Database

There were a couple of quick questions. → Approved unanimously.

4.8. Kadri Niider: RDA discussion (if time allows)

Kadri just wanted to enquire as to what, if anything, campuses are doing to prepare for RDA. Those involved with cataloging in the room indicated that they were not doing much of anything since the publication of the new rules keeps getting pushed back.

4.9. From Delegate Discussion: Charging Carleen Huxley with setting up virtual meeting space for Delegate Roundtable

Charged Carleen with this task. Co-charged Tracy Paradis since she volunteered to help.

4.10. From Delegate Discussion: Changing dues, creation of student membership category

Dues for next year would be: \$30 for renewing, \$20 for 1st time professional, and \$10 for student (assuming the new category is approved by the membership). When this is put forward, point out how long it has been since the last dues increase and how support for professional development has increased. Also growth in our costs. Discussion of how to define 'student' for purposes of membership. Noted that this will require changing section 3 of the bylaws. → Decided to wordsmith the language and do an e-vote to endorse, or not, for this year's ballot.

4.11. Vote on Friend of SUNYLA recipient

Approved unanimously.