

SUNYLA Council Meeting

March 26, 2021

Virtual

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Attendees: Greg Bobish, Morgan Bond, Katherine Brent, April Broughton, Jennifer Collins, Joan Cook, April Davies, Jennifer DeVito, Greta Earnest, Carrie Fishner, Carol Anne Germain, Katie Ghidiu, Dan Harms, Christina Hilburger, Jocelyn Ireland, Bill Jones, Andrea Kingston, Jill Locascio, Amanda Lowe, Carrie Marten, Joyce Miller, Jennifer Moore, Nancy Murillo, Kim Nolan, Rebecca Nous, Chrissy O'Grady, Susan Perry, Violet Price, Renae Rapp, Sarah Rhodes, Mechele Romanchock, Adam Saunders, Heather Stalter, Fred Stoss, Keri Thomas-Whiteside, Mary Timmons, Jane Verostek, Brandon West, Marc Wildman, Simone Yearwood,

Start Time: 10:01 AM

1. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2021 meeting.

1.1. Motion to approve; minutes approved

2. Report Recaps

2.1. Officers

2.1.1. President – Carol Anne Germain

2.1.1.1. Congratulations and special thanks to Jennifer DeVito, Bill Jones, Jill Locascio, Carrie Marten, Jessica McGivney, and Jennifer Parker for organizing another wonderful Midwinter event. YouTube videos are also getting good traffic.

2.1.1.2. Met with Jocelyn Ireland to discuss the Delegate Enhancement Subcommittee. We brainstormed ideas to encourage delegate engagement. We recommend that the committee consists of the 2nd VP, past president, the membership chair, and SUNYLA delegates. We will hold a meeting next month and then schedule 4 regular meetings each year, open to all delegates. The coming year's meetings are at 10 am on:

- April 9, 2021
- August 13, 2021
- October 8, 2021
- February 11, 2022
- April 8, 2022

2.1.1.3. Will follow up with Dan Harms regarding a letter to UUP about salary compression efforts.

2.1.2. First Vice President – Jocelyn Ireland

2.1.2.1. Nominations are being accepted for 1st VP, 2nd VP, and Treasurer. Email jiireland@mvcc.edu if you wish to nominate yourself or a colleague. The nomination committee currently has one candidate for each position. Greg Bobish mentioned a line in the treasurer job description is out of date. The treasurer no longer keeps a list of paid members. Information is now contained in the online membership directory. Carol Anne Germain said it has been corrected in the bylaws.

2.1.2.2. SUNY campus libraries are supposed to hold delegate elections every-other-year on odd numbered years – which means this year! Elections typically coincide with SUNYLA elections in the Spring. If your campus elects a new delegate, just send the name to 1st VP and/or secretary. Part-time librarians can be elected to be a delegate.

2.1.3. Second Vice President – Carrie Fishner

2.1.3.1. Progress on conference planning. Selected a keynote focusing on citizen science.

- 2.1.3.1.1. Acceptance letters have been sent. 32 breakout sessions, 16 lightning talks, and 6 workshops (formerly the pre-conference) sessions were selected.
- 2.1.3.1.2. There are a lot of social events being planned! Although we will not be meeting in person we believe that we will be providing ample opportunity for networking and interaction both in and out of the sessions.
- 2.1.3.1.3. Call for poster proposals have been sent.
- 2.1.3.1.4. Conference website is live. Registration should go live in May.

2.1.4. Secretary – Alana Nuth

- 2.1.4.1. No report

2.1.5. Treasurer – Greg Bobish

- 2.1.5.1. There is \$18,975.93 in the bank account and \$35,627.79 in PayPal.
- 2.1.5.2. IRS postcard went through okay.

2.2. Committees

2.2.1. Membership Development – Carol Anne Germain

- 2.2.1.1. Slight decline in membership, but the conference often gives us a boost. 362 members; 39 lifetime members; 85 student members; 56 delegates
- 2.2.1.2. Discussion of gift membership. Idea for administrators to gift membership for new employees.
- 2.2.1.3. Library school student sub-committee: Sent student member surveys to current student members. Received 13 responses mostly from UB. Planning professional development opportunities for students. Students voiced they wanted mentorship and possible student advisory committee.
 - 2.2.1.3.1. The subcommittee developed a second survey for student non-members that will be shared through liaison channels. The committee is working on a flyer/poster that is focused on student membership. This poster/flyer will be shared with through liaisons with the hopes that they will share with their student institutions via listservs. In addition, the subcommittee will make posts to social media channels to bring attention to student membership.

2.2.2. Personnel Policies – Mary Timmons; Heather Stalter provided report

- 2.2.2.1. Revamping exit survey headed by Heather Stalter. She is researching existing exit surveys and gathering input from SUNYLA members.

2.2.3. Professional Development – Kim Nolan

- 2.2.3.1. Professional grants are available. Grant money can also be used for those doing research not just attending conferences.

2.2.4. Publications – April Davies

- 2.2.4.1. February newsletter went out. Lily Wadsworth is a new member on the committee.
- 2.2.4.2. Next newsletter will be in May. Deadline for submissions is April 26th.

2.2.5. TDG – Jill Locascio

- 2.2.5.1. Mid-Winter Virtual Conference took place on Feb. 12th. 1128 registered; 697 unique viewers; lots of engagement with presenters: 124 questions asked.
- 2.2.5.2. Big thank you to the conference planning committee for pulling it all together for another successful year! Special side shout out to Bill Jones to having the idea (and then putting the work in) to reach out to the presenters and get answers for all the Q&As not gotten to in time. Presenters appreciated following up after the conference.
- 2.2.5.3. Possibility of looking into survey tool used by any SUNYLA committee.

- 2.2.5.3.1. Google forms is a free option. Concerned about security for double authentication. Google doesn't like multiple logins in different locations. Possibility of being locked out. Bill Jones mentioned having a survey in a shared TDG folder.
- 2.2.5.3.2. Survey Monkey - \$384/yr
- 2.2.5.3.3. LibWizard – probably not the best option for only survey needs for the cost.

2.2.6. Web Development – William Jones

- 2.2.6.1.1. Split up the individual video presentations from the 2021 Midwinter Virtual Conference recording, posted them to YouTube, and updated the SUNYLA Midwinter webpage. <https://sunyla.org/sunyla-midwinter-2021/>
- 2.2.6.1.2. SUNYLA website would no longer update changes made in Wordpress, and none of the updates made to the Midwinter webpages had updated. Took about 3 hours to solve this issue, and it was solved by flushing the Dynamic Caching through the Siteground interface (where our site is hosted). Thank you to the chat help at Siteground.
- 2.2.6.2. Sunyla.org now https enabled
- 2.2.6.3. There was a problem with the documents path in the Simple Machines Forum settings and it had somehow broken on its own.
- 2.2.6.4. Renewed Siteground license for one year for \$179.88.

2.2.7. SILC (SUNYLA Information Literacy Committee) – Brandon West

- 2.2.7.1. SILC held its first antiracist pedagogy workshop on March 18, 2021 about misinformation and implicit bias with 34 attendees. The recording of the workshop will be placed on the SILC Blog in the near future.
- 2.2.7.2. There will be two more antiracist pedagogy workshops this semester: Thursday, April 15 and Thursday, May 13 from 2:00pm–3:30pm. The workshop on April 15 will be an introduction to critical information literacy
- 2.2.7.3. Facilitating a SUNYLA Workshop at the annual conference titled "Critical Information Literacy: Steps Toward Becoming Antiracist in our Libraries."
- 2.2.7.4. Held community conversations in February & March 2021. The February conversation was BYQ: Bring Your Questions and we talked about the controversies surrounding the Media Bias Chart created by Vanessa Otero in March. Next one is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 from 1-2pm.
- 2.2.7.5. The committee is developing an open access ebook about library outreach.

2.2.8. Archives (ad hoc) – Jennifer Collins

- 2.2.8.1. Going through YouTube channel and making backups. Added documentation to the SUNYLA archive binder on producing backups for electronic files.

2.2.9. Promotion and Tenure (ad hoc) – Carrie Fishner

- 2.2.9.1. Presenting a workshop on promotion and tenure at this year's annual conference. Workshop will include breakout rooms for smaller conversations.

2.2.10. Scholarly Communications Committee (ad hoc) – Emily Kilcer

- 2.2.10.1. No Report

2.3. Liaisons

2.3.1. SLC Liaison – Carrie Fishner

- 2.3.1.1. Jennifer Smathers' contract expired with SLC. Spring meeting planning is underway. Information will be forth coming about the Spring meeting.

2.3.2. FACT2 – Katie Ghidiu

- 2.3.2.1. FACT2 met with the new SUNY provost Dr. Shadi Sandvik. Shared that 22% fewer high school grads from the class of 2020 enrolled in college this fall than is normal. Of the current drop in college enrollment, 30% is from low income high schools vs. 17% from high income high schools. There are a number of enrollment campaigns.
- Big Dreams Small Steps: <https://www.suny.edu/suny-news/press-releases/2-21/2-10-21/start.html>
 - SUNY For All: <https://www.suny.edu/suny-news/press-releases/2-21/2-5-21/sfa-feeding-ny.html>
- 2.3.2.2. FACT2 webinar today (March 26th) on camera use and equity issues with students.
- 2.3.2.3. CIT registration is open: <https://sunycpd.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/cit2021/21cit>. Featured speakers are Jesse Stommel and Michelle Miller.
- 2.3.2.4. Next FACT2 meeting is April 16, 2021.

2.3.3. LACUNY – Rebecca Hyams

- 2.3.3.1. 2021 LACUNY Institute will be taking place May 5th and 6th over Zoom. The keynote speaker is Dr. Lorgia García Peña and the conference theme is "Ending the Library Stereotype: Non-traditional practices for the 21st-century." To register and for more information: <https://lacuny.org/event-4217159>
- 2.3.3.2. LACUNY is currently soliciting nominations for its next Executive Board (elections were postponed last year). They're seeking nominations for 1st VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and editor for the *Urban Library Journal*.
- 2.3.3.3. The Professional Development Committee is also hosting a panel discussion on Friday, April 9th titled "Ask the editors: Responding to peer review tips for successful journal submissions". More information and the registration is here: <https://lacuny.org/event-4165603>

2.3.4. ESLN – Marc Wildman

- 2.3.4.1. No report

2.3.5. IDS – Mark Sullivan

- 2.3.5.1. No report

2.3.6. OLIS – Susan Perry

- 2.3.6.1. OLIS Portal: <https://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/>
- 2.3.6.2. Working on an Invitation for Bids to create system-wide agreements for library resources that many SUNYs already subscribe to. SUNY is now working with 8 different vendors to develop system-wide contracts that will realize savings for content that SUNYs will be renewing, and will potentially save significant time on activities related to procuring, licensing, and paying for content.
- 2.3.6.3. Next monthly update is Friday, April 9, 2021, at 12 PM. Connection info: <https://slcnny.libcal.com/event/7600445>. Recording will be posted.
- 2.3.6.4. Current training offerings include Alma's new MD Editor series, SUSHI Troubleshooting Tips and Tricks, and Accessibility Exception Review Process Overview. Details are available on the master calendar - <https://slcnny.libguides.com/lsptraining#s-lg-box-22652021>
- 2.3.6.5. To submit a ticket, and for general questions/comments, email info@slcnny.libanswers.com
- 2.3.6.6. Two new OER courses/modules now available in SUNY's Ready to Adopt Catalog - <https://oer.suny.edu/>: College Physics (OLI) - <https://oer.suny.edu/courses/college-physics/> & Student Cognition Toolbox (OLI) - <https://oer.suny.edu/courses/student-cognition-toolbox/>
- 2.3.6.7. Want to learn more about SUNY's OER partner, OLI? Sign up for an introductory workshop - <https://oli.cmu.edu/events/>

- 2.3.6.8. Can't make the workshops but still interested? Schedule a 1-1 consultation <https://oli.cmu.edu/oli-orientation-and-adoption-webinars/>
- 2.3.6.9. No-cost critical reflection faculty development program Lumen Circles is underway. Indicate your interest early – spots are limited. <https://info.lumenlearning.com/circles-suny-s21>. Video to learn more about Lumen Circles - <https://youtu.be/if9iPinrAHU>
- 2.3.6.10. Wendi Ackerman and Maureen Zajkowski are updating the Repository pages at <https://slcn.libguides.com/olis/openaccess>
- 2.3.6.11. Maureen Zajkowski is available for consultations regarding the development of collections and workflows. She'll assist in the review of overall structure, and introduce you to the basics of adding metadata and content. Email: maureen.zajkowski@suny.edu
- 2.3.6.12. Suggestion from Carol Anne Germaine for advertisement for SLC trainings in the SUNYLA newsletter.

2.3.7. UUP – Dan Harms

- 2.3.7.1. Advocated for eligibility for vaccinations. All library workers are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 2.3.7.2. The stimulus money from the federal government is most welcome, but statewide advocacy efforts are still important, and this is a critical time for reaching out. If you have funding issues, ask your campus what they are doing with the stimulus money.
- 2.3.7.3. Prepping for contract negotiations. Library voices are often not heard. Recommend letting your voice be heard.
- 2.3.7.4. Statement by Fred Kowal on the March 16 Attacks: <https://uupinfo.org/communications/releases/210319.php>
- 2.3.7.5. Statement on the COVID-19 Vaccinations: <https://uupinfo.org/communications/releases/210310.php>
- 2.3.7.6. Call for Expanded Access and Diversity: <https://uupinfo.org/communications/releases/210311.php>
- 2.3.7.7. Get involved: <https://uupinfo.org/>
- 2.3.7.8. Discussion around salary compression money. Talk to HR if you think you are eligible. Might be basing eligibility based on title.

2.3.8. METRO - Jill Locascio

- 2.3.8.1. No report

2.3.9. NYLA – Simone Yearwood

- 2.3.9.1. NYLA 2021 annual conference will take place November 3-6, 2021, in Syracuse.
- 2.3.9.2. Webinar: The Art of Service, Thursday, April 15th at 2:30PM. Registration: <https://www.nyla.org/art-of-service-webinar/?menukey=career>
- 2.3.9.3. NYLA Developing Leaders Social Responsibilities Group: Social Responsibility & Libraries Speaker Series. Weekly on Mondays: April 12th - May 10th. Registration: <https://www.nyla.org/social-responsibilities-series/?menukey=career>
- 2.3.9.4. Concordia University Library Research Forum 1:00 - 4:30 pm on Tuesday April 27th and Wednesday April 28th, 2021; registration: <https://library.concordia.ca/about/staff/forum/>

2.3.10. SUNY Academic Programs & Awards committee – [VACANT]

3. Old Business

- 3.1. Delegate Enhancement Committee – see President's report
- 3.2. SUNYLA subscription to survey software – see TDG's report
- 3.3. Library committee, sector, or other presence in the University Faculty Senate
 - 3.3.1. No response from Mark McBride. Fred Stoss will bring back correspondence in June.

4. New business

- 4.1. If anyone would like to host SUNYLA conference 2023, let the Council know. We should be in-person by then.

Meeting adjourned

11:27 AM