

SUNYLA Council Meeting

September 16, 2022

Virtual

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Attendance: Amanda Bailey, Joshua Beatty, Megan Benson, Fred Berowski, Gregory Bobish, Morgan Bond, Michelle Bowers, Katherine Brent, Kerry Carlson, Justin Crossfox, April Davies, Christa DeVirgilio, Jennifer DeVito, Carrie Fishner, Leah Fitzgerald, Carol Franck, Gillian Gail, Marla Gruner, Holly Heller-Ross, Rebecca Hewitt, Amy Hillick, Aleshia Huber, Jocelyn Ireland, Joan (SCCC), Bill Jones, Jill Kehoe, Tina Kiernan, Cindy Koman, Dana Laird, Liz, Jill Locascio, Amanda Lowe, Carrie Marten, Giovannine Matheron, Tom Mazza, Cynthia McKane, Jennifer Moore, Alana Nuth, Chrissy O'Grady, Susan Perry, Molly Poremski, Voilet Price, Logan Rath, Mechele Romanchock, John Santana, Adam Saunders, Renee Schmidt, Mary Timmons, Jane Verostek, Lori Wienke, and Simone Yearwood

Meeting start time: 10:00 AM

1. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2022 meeting.

1.1. Motioned to approve, minutes approved

2. Report Recaps

2.1. Officers

2.1.1. President – Jennifer DeVito

2.1.1.1. Thank you to Jocelyn Ireland for all the excellent work this past year! Thank you to Karen Gelles and the entire SUNYLA Annual Conference planning committee for a successful annual conference last June!

2.1.1.2. Looking forward to the 2023 SUNYLA Annual Conference at SUNY Maritime. Please contact Adam Saunders if you are interested in hosting the 2024 annual conference at your campus.

2.1.1.3. Committee and liaison vacancies:

2.1.1.3.1. The LACUNY liaison position is currently vacant. We have a nomination to vote upon in New Business

2.1.1.3.2. The chair position for the Professional Development Committee is vacant. Logan Rath is willing to serve.

2.1.1.3.3. The chair position for the Personnel Policies Committee will be vacant. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in serving.

2.1.1.4. SUNYLA Council meetings will be virtual this year. The March meeting will be at SUNY Maritime.

2.1.2. First Vice President – Adam Saunders

2.1.2.1. Adam has sent messages to current delegates to thank them for serving, confirm that the information on file is correct, and remind delegates of their delegate responsibilities.

2.1.2.2. Adam also emailed campuses without delegates. A few delegates have been selected as the result of this communication. Adam welcomes new delegates Justin Crossfox, Lori Wienke, and Thomas Mazza as the new Delegates representing Buffalo State College, SUNY Oneonta, and Onondaga Community College as well as Amanda Bailey from Corning Community College and Alicia Marrese from Finger Lakes Community College.

2.1.2.3. It's not too early to think about the elections in March! See the list of upcoming vacancies in Adam's forum post (<https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1181.0>). If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, contact Adam.

2.1.2.4. Next year is an odd year, 2023, so delegates should be prepared to hold elections. Delegates can serve for multiple years.

2.1.3. Second Vice President – Jill Kehoe

- 2.1.3.1. SUNY Maritime is hosting the 2023 SUNYLA Annual Conference. The first planning meeting is Wednesday, September 21 at 11:00 AM. The planning committee is still open for new volunteers.

2.1.4. Secretary – Alana Nuth

- 2.1.4.1. No report

2.1.5. Treasurer – Greg Bobish

- 2.1.5.1. Please see Greg's report in the forum (<https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1184.0>). Please send any questions to Greg.

2.2. Committees

2.2.1. Membership Development – Carol Anne Germain

- 2.2.1.1. Please refer to Carol Anne's report in the forum (<https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1182.0>)

2.2.2. Personnel Policies – Mary Timmons

- 2.2.2.1. Mary will be stepping down as chair. Contact Mary with questions about the committee and the role of the chair. Contact Jennifer if interested in serving. The stay survey remains an open item for continued work. Lots of good ideas and good work, especially after the SIG meeting during the annual conference.

2.2.3. Professional Development – VACANT

- 2.2.3.1. Logan Rath is the nominee for chair. Logan submitted a brief report in the form (<https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1190.0>)

2.2.4. Publications – April Davies

- 2.2.4.1. As always, send ideas and items for April for publication and items for social media to Amanda Lowe.

2.2.5. TDG – Jill Locascio

- 2.2.5.1. No report.

2.2.6. Web Development – William Jones

- 2.2.6.1. Bill would like to thank everyone for the Friend of SUNYLA Award which he was granted during the annual conference in June.
- 2.2.6.2. Bill submitted a reimbursement request for the Zoom software and cloud storage used for the 2022 SUNYLA Annual Conference.
- 2.2.6.3. Send any website updates or other requests to Bill at jonesw@geneseo.edu.

2.2.7. SILC (SUNYLA Information Literacy Committee) – Megan Benson and Jocelyn Ireland

- 2.2.7.1. SILC Community Conversations are scheduled for the fall. Dates and times are posted in the forum (<https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1189.0>). All are welcome!
- 2.2.7.2. Changes in Advisory Board membership: Don Simmons Jr., Fatoma Rad, and Brandon West (former Chair) have stepped down. Beth Carpenter and Jocelyn Ireland are serving as new Board members.

2.2.8. Archives (ad hoc) – Jennifer Collins

- 2.2.8.1. No report.

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

2.2.9.1. This Committee is now functioning as part of the Professional Development Committee. Future agendas will be updated to reflect this change.

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. Please see Carrie's report in the forum
(<https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1191.0>)

2.3.2. FACT2 – Katie Ghidiu

2.3.3. No report.

2.3.4. LACUNY – VACANT

2.3.5. ESLN – Marc Wildman

2.3.5.1. No report.

2.3.6. IDS – Mark Sullivan

2.3.6.1. No report.

2.3.7. OLIS – Susan Perry

2.3.7.1. The August-September OLIS update is scheduled for this afternoon. (The updates are no longer scheduled each month.)

2.3.7.2. The SLS Training Calendar is not just for training! Check the calendar for upcoming events: <https://slcny.libcal.com/calendar/training>

2.3.7.3. Monday, September 19 at 11:00 AM – Director's Listening Session for the SUNYConnect eBook Program

2.3.7.4. Wednesday, September 28 at 10:00 AM – Scholarly Communications Community Group Meeting

2.3.8. METRO - Jill Locascio

2.3.8.1. No report

2.3.9. NYLA – Simone Yearwood

2.3.9.1. The 2022 NYLA Conference will be taking place on November 2-5 in Saratoga Springs

2.3.9.2. This meeting is Simone's last meeting serving as the NYLA Liaison. Simone will remain as a SUNYLA member! The NYLA President will be sending a new representative in November.

3. Old Business

3.1. Endorsement of SUNY WIT – Holly Heller-Ross (See attachment: SUNY WIT Proposal)

3.1.1. Holly is requesting a SUNYLA endorsement, which would involve a vote and then a statement of endorsement from the SUNYLA President.

3.1.2. Motioned to approve, the endorsement is approved

4. New business

4.1. Award for Scholarship – Rebecca Hewitt (See attachment: SUNYLA Award for Excellence in Scholarship)

- 4.1.1. Rebecca is presenting two awards for scholarship which would complement the goals and objectives of SUNYLA and would promote professional development as well. One award is for SUNYLA members and the other award is for LIS students.
- 4.1.2. The awards would recognize any scholarship in a fixed medium, not just scholarly papers, such as a conference presentation, technical reports, computer code, or any contribution to the professional which took place in the calendar year proceeding the conference. A piece of scholarship from January through December 2021 would be eligible for the 2022 award.
- 4.1.3. Rebecca is willing to chair the committee to review award nominations.
- 4.1.4. Questions:
 - 4.1.4.1. Would this committee fall under Professional Development Committee? Grants and Awards fall under the Professional Development Committee
 - 4.1.4.1.1. Yes
 - 4.1.4.2. What would the actual award amount be?
 - 4.1.4.3. How would the submitted pieces of scholarships be evaluated, especially in the case of presentations?
 - 4.1.4.3.1. The scholarship has to be in a fixed, shareable medium so presentations would have to be recorded or documented in a proceedings document.
 - 4.1.4.4. If the presentation was not recorded, could several attendees write letters of endorsement?
 - 4.1.4.4.1. The evaluation criteria would have to be determined.
- 4.1.5. Motion to assign this proposal to the Professional Development Committee with an assignment to report back during the January SUNYLA Council meeting with more details. The motion is approved.
- 4.1.6. Rebecca Hewitt is now part of the Professional Development Committee!

4.2. Candidate for Chair of the Professional Development Committee – Logan Rath

- 4.2.1. Motioned to approve, motion passed.

4.3. LACUNY Liaison – Derek Stadler, Associate Professor, Head of Media Services and Web Services Librarian, LaGuardia Community College

- 4.3.1. Motioned to approve, motion passed.

4.4. Recommendation that SUNYLA update the policy on the expenditure of Association funds – Jocelyn Ireland

- 4.4.1. The current policy allows for SUNYLA to pay for officers to attend in-person Council meetings but not the annual conference. Recommendation to update the policy to include financial support for officers to attend annual conferences in-person, especially because Council meetings are happening virtually.
- 4.4.2. Such a change may be a way to promote members to run for an officer position.
- 4.4.3. Likelihood that future Council meetings will be virtual.
- 4.4.4. The budget is strong. Officers do a lot of work for the conference and then have to pay to attend the conference. Not an issue from a financial perspective.
- 4.4.5. What about free conference registration for committee chairs, including Jill who has to manage the virtual portion of the Council meeting?
 - 4.4.5.1. Hybrid meetings do not require that the TDG chair be present.
 - 4.4.5.2. Lots of support from meeting attendees for hybrid (virtual and in-person) Council meetings

- 4.4.6. Jennifer DeVito, Jocelyn Ireland, Adam Saunders, and April Davies will redraft the Policy on the Expenditure of Association Funds (<https://sunyla.org/policy-on-the-expenditure-of-association-funds/>) (This document is a policy and not part of the bylaws.)
- 4.4.7. This topic will be revisited in a future meeting, including a discussion of whether the Association should offer annual conference registration discounts to liaisons, committee chairs, and/or delegates. (The registration system can handle multiple discounts.) Jill Kehoe should be included in this discussion because any discounting would impact conference planning for the 2023 annual conference.

- 4.5. Logan Rath would like to propose a motion to encumber \$2,000 for the Professional Development Committee so if anyone applies for a grant, funds are available to fund the grant.
 - 4.5.1. There was no allocation made at the start of the fiscal year so any funds that are available are from the previous fiscal year.
 - 4.5.2. Motioned to approve, motion passed.

- 4.6. Liaison Report: UUP – Dan Harms
 - 4.6.1. Please see Dan’s report in the forum (<https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1188.0>)
 - 4.6.2. Reminder from Logan Rath about to not use state resources for union activity.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM