

SUNYLA Council Meeting

November 4, 2022

Virtual

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Attendance: Amanda Bailey, Michele Beechey, Fred Berowski, Gregory Bobish, Morgan Bond, Michelle Bowers, Katherine Brent, Justin Cronise, Justin Crossfox, Jennifer DeVito, Leah Marie Fitzgerald, Carol Franck, Katie Ghidui, Dan Harms, Gregg Headrick, Rebecca Hewitt, Amy Hillick, Jocelyn Ireland, Jill Kehoe, Caitlin Kenney, Cindy Koman, Dana Laird, Jean Linn, Jill Locascio, Amanda Lowe, Alicia Marrese, Carrie Marten, Cynthia McKane, Sarah Meisch-Lacombe, Jennifer Moore, Molly Poremski, Violet Price, Logan Rath, Mechele Romanchock, Adam Saunders, Derek Stadler, Heather Stalter, Kabel Stanwicks, Mary Timmons, Jane Verostek, Danielle Walkup, Lori Wienke, Erin Wilburn, Cori Wilhelm, and Erin Wilburn

Meeting start time: 10:01 AM

1. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 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. Jennifer sent a letter of endorsement on behalf of SUNYLA to SUNY Women In Technology (WIT). Jennifer invited Holly Heller-Ross to report next year on the progress of the program.

2.1.1.2. Adam Saunders and Jennifer will be holding a meeting in November for delegates. The meeting will be an opportunity for delegates to talk about challenges and any needed support.

2.1.1.3. Adam and Jennifer also discussed future Council meeting formats. The Council will maintain the current schedule for January (virtual), March (Maritime) and June (Maritime). Next year, they will take into consideration a hybrid-option for Council meetings.

2.1.1.4. SUNYLA will be giving away gift cards to The Library Store and Barnes & Noble for delegates who are present and posted a campus update to the forum. Delegates have until the end of the meeting to post a forum update. Jennifer demonstrated how to post an update to the Campus Updates thread in the SUNYLA forum and how to login and register for an account. Logan Rath will approve requests for new forum accounts during the meeting.

2.1.2. First Vice President – Adam Saunders

2.1.2.1. Buffalo State College would like to hold the 2024 Annual SUNYLA Council meeting. Updates coming.

2.1.2.2. Nominations are welcomed for two upcoming vacancies: 1st Vice President and Treasurer. If you are interested in running, contact Adam.

2.1.2.3. Thank you, delegates, for posting campus updates in the forum. Please feel welcome to post updates in the forum if you haven't already.

2.1.3. Second Vice President – Jill Kehoe

2.1.3.1. The theme for the 2023 SUNYLA Conference is “SUNYLA Sets Sail: Academic Librarians Charting the Future”

- 2.1.3.2. The planning committee is currently running a contest for the conference logo. Please see messages sent to listservs earlier this week. The submission form is available here:
<https://forms.gle/tqVE3p6VcXYEbCvu9>
- 2.1.3.3. All the subcommittees have been formed and have met.
- 2.1.3.4. Jill would like to request \$5,000 to place deposits for the conference. The request was put to a vote and approved. Jill Kehoe will have to reach out to Greg Bobish, Treasurer, to get the check and let him know where to mail it.

- 2.1.4. Secretary – Alana Nuth
 - 2.1.4.1. No report

- 2.1.5. Treasurer – Greg Bobish
 - 2.1.5.1. Greg posted a short report and will post a more in-depth report when he is back to work after being out sick.

2.2. Committees

- 2.2.1. Membership Development – Carol Anne Germain
 - 2.2.1.1. The current membership statistics are as follows:
 - 2.2.1.1.1. 346 current members
 - 2.2.1.1.2. 51 lifetime members
 - 2.2.1.1.3. 100 student members
 - 2.2.1.1.4. 59 delegates
 - 2.2.1.2. The LIS Student Committee shared information with liaison library schools at the start of the semester and has another information push planned for this month. In January, the committee is planning a resume/cover letter writing workshop and has further events planned in the spring.

- 2.2.2. Personnel Policies – Mary Timmons
 - 2.2.2.1. Last meeting, Mary let us know that she planned to step down as chair. Heather Statler (Oneonta) has volunteered to serve as chair.

- 2.2.3. Professional Development – Logan Rath
 - 2.2.3.1. The Grants Subcommittee would like to request an additional encumbrance of \$5,000.
 - 2.2.3.2. The Promotion and Tenure Subgroup distributed a survey which will remain open through November 9.
 - 2.2.3.3. The Mentoring Program made one match.
 - 2.2.3.4. The Excellence in Scholarship Subgroup has put together documents to describe the award in greater detail, which will be shared during Old Business.

- 2.2.4. Publications – April Davies
 - 2.2.4.1. No report

- 2.2.5. TDG – Jill Locascio
 - 2.2.5.1. The SUNYLA Midwinter Conference call for proposals were distributed to the SUNYLA listserv, Basecamp, and other listservs. Accepted proposals submitters will be notified in early January. The conference is planned for Friday, February 3, 2023.

- 2.2.6. Web Development – William Jones
 - 2.2.6.1. Bill renewed the SUNYLA domain was renewed for \$20.71.
 - 2.2.6.2. Bill is participating in Team Awesome to plan the Midwinter Conference.

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

2.2.7.1. Since the Council meeting in September, SILC has hosted two Community Conversations. SILC also created a shared Google Folder to store and share documents and links related to the new General Education framework.

2.2.7.2. SILC’s next meeting is November 17 at 1:00 PM via Zoom. The discussion will be focused on “Fall Failure Confessions”.

2.2.7.3. SILC is planning a Spring Showcase on Active Learning on January 12 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A call for proposals will be distributed in a few weeks.

2.2.8. Archives (ad hoc) – Jennifer Collins

2.2.8.1. Jennifer would like to submit a proposal for archiving and collecting conference materials for discussion at the next Council meeting.

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

2.2.9.1. No report

2.3. Liaisons

2.3.1. SLC Liaison – Carrie Fishner

2.3.1.1. On October 28, the SLC Board distributed its recommendation for the future of the SLC to the SLC listserv. The recommendation will be discussed at the Virtual Fall SLC Meeting on December 1 at 3:00 PM. Each campus will have one vote to determine the future of the SLC.

2.3.1.2. The recommendation is summarized as follows:

The SLC Board recommends that we dissolve the SLC for the following reasons:

- This structure is no longer effective in accomplishing the work of the SUNY Libraries.
- The SLC was created to have a budget/dues, a bank account, an Executive Director, and perhaps additional staff. It currently has none of these, with no clear path or appetite for adding them.
- Widespread fatigue, focus on individual campus matters, and understaffing make it difficult for many of us to find the time and energy to run an independent organization.
- Supporting the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) and SUNY Library Services (SLS) is the most efficient way to participate in the work of the SUNY Libraries without unnecessarily duplicating efforts. OLIS/SLS already has a team of paid staff devoted to making the SUNY Libraries the best they can be. We see no reason to continue overcomplicating things with additional organizational layers.

2.3.1.3. Members of the SLC Board have raised the question of how SUNYLA can support and build upon the professional development, collaboration, and networking for library directors and administrators? Could a directors’ gathering or SIG be added to the SUNYLA program?

2.3.2. FACT2 – Katie Ghidiu

2.3.2.1. FACT2 Advisory Council is an advisory council to the SUNY Provost. It makes recommendations for technology and future directions. This year the recommendations are focused on leveraging the new SUNY-wide DLE, Brightspace and the Learning Object Repository that is part of Brightspace. (Sharing objects would be easier because the repository is already in Brightspace.) John McKane and Katie are co-chairing a committee on this topic.

2.3.2.2. The Inclusive Teaching Task Group’s goal is to identify practices to create inclusive teaching environment, regardless of modality.

2.3.2.3. The Brightspace transition is underway. The first cohort is in full production. The econd cohort is in the pilot phase. Cohort four is in the planning phase. Cohort five will kick-off in January.

2.3.2.4. SUNY is ending the SUNY Degrees at Scale program by March 2023. Campuses can offer these programs, but will be losing support from SUNY.

2.3.2.5. FACT2 award nominations are open. Katie will send to the listserv.

2.3.3. LACUNY – Derek Stadler

2.3.3.1. LACUNY lecture series is scheduled for November 11 between 2:00 and 4:00 PM

2.3.3.2. The Council of Chief Librarians (CCL) voted in favor of a resolution to propose that the CCL send a memo to Executive Vice Council (EVC) Wendy Hensel requesting a transition of the CCL to an Administrative Council coordinated by the University Deans of Libraries and reporting to the EVC Cabinet.

2.3.3.3. CUNY plans to get eduroam

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 hired Dr. Catherine Stollar Peters, Associate Director of Assessment and Data Analytics on September 28.

2.3.6.2. Multiple events are planned for the month of November. Please check the calendar.

2.3.7. UUP – Dan Harms

2.3.7.1. Negotiations are ongoing.

2.3.7.2. Midterm elections are coming up. Encourage for everyone to vote!

2.3.7.3. Individual Development Award money has been assigned to the campuses. This is leftover money from COVID, so they only cover activities from July 2022 until March 2023. The process is determined by the campus, so please keep an eye out for your campus' announcements.

2.3.8. METRO - Jill Locascio

2.3.8.1. METRO is continuing their webinars (<https://metro.org/events>) and maintains an archive of webinars (<https://metro.org/online-learning>)

2.3.9. NYLA – Caitlin Kenney

2.3.9.1. Caitlin Kenney is our new NYLA liaison.

2.3.9.2. The NYLA conference is happening now.

2.3.9.3. Upcoming NYLA events are listed in Simone Yearwood's report.

3. Old Business

3.1. Award for Scholarship – Rebecca Hewitt

3.1.1. Draft documents describing the Excellence in Scholarship Award are posted in the forum (<https://sunyla.org/forums/index.php?topic=1210.0>)

3.1.2. Rebecca and Logan Rath met after the September Council meeting to address questions posed during the Council meeting:

3.1.3. Is a presentation eligible if not recorded? No

3.1.4. What is the prize for the award? A cash prize that is the same amount as the Mentorship Award which is \$250. All contributors would share with award (rather than each contributor being given \$250).

- 3.1.5. Winners will have the opportunity to present their scholarship at the Annual Conference as a short video presentation. The presentation may be a standalone session with Q&A or part of the annual meeting.
 - 3.1.6. What are the criteria for evaluation? A rubric will be used that focuses on Ideas (originality, quality of the argument, contribution to practice in the field) and Communication and Presentation (accuracy, clarity, and organization).
 - 3.1.7. Excellence in Scholarship Award will have two categories: member and student.
 - 3.1.8. The call for nominations would go out in early March. The committee responsible for evaluation would deliberate between mid-April and mid-May. The winners will be notified by May 15 so the winners can prepare a recording or presentation for the annual conference in June at which time the winners will be announced to the full membership.
 - 3.1.9. This plan would require an encumbrance of \$500 for the awards (one for SUNYLA member award and one for student award).
 - 3.1.10. The encumbrance of \$500 for the awards was put to a vote. The motion passed and was approved.
- 3.2. Revision to the policy on the expenditure of Association funds (<https://sunyla.org/policy-on-the-expenditure-of-association-funds/> -- Jocelyn Ireland)
 - 3.2.1. Adam Saunders, April Davies, Joycelyn Ireland, and Jennifer DeVito worked on revisions and have made suggested changes to the policy. They should have a document prepared to present for the January meeting.
4. New business
 - 4.1. Nomination for chair of the Personnel Policies Committee -- Heather Stalter, Associate Librarian at SUNY Oneonta
 - 4.1.1. Motion approved
 - 4.2. SLC Dissolution and SUNYLA – Cori Wilhelm
 - 4.2.1. Cori acknowledged that a lot of transitions have taken place recently both in the SLC and in OLIS.
 - 4.2.2. OLIS has been working on a Directors Group (community of practice for directors). A survey went out in September. The responses showed an almost unanimous interest in a group or meetings for directors.
 - 4.2.3. Recommendations for the future of the SLC recommendation went out last week and will be voted upon in December.
 - 4.2.4. Ideas for ways that SUNYLA could support directors include:
 - 4.2.4.1. A directors meeting scheduled the day before the SUNYLA conference for a directors group or community of practice
 - 4.2.4.2. A special interest group for managers that would be open to directors and other managers with a focus on professional development
 - 4.2.4.3. Management or leadership track at the annual conference for networking and communication
 - 4.2.4.4. SUNYLA standing committee for library directors
 - 4.2.4.5. If SUNYLA does create a SIG, track, program, committee, or something else for library directors, whatever path that is chosen has to remain focused on SUNYLA's core values and mission as an organization. One of the core values of SUNYLA is inclusion as well as transparency and providing professional development opportunities for library employees in SUNY. SUNYLA is not simply an administrative body that can or will create meetings, and handle registration and funding.
 - 4.2.4.6. Further discussions are necessary between SLC, SUNYLA, and OLIS before a proposal can be created and put forward for the SUNYLA executive council and membership. It may

be that SUNYLA is not a good fit for the type of administrative assistance that the directors seem to be seeking.

Delegate drawing winners!
Leah Marie Fitzgerald from SUNY Canton
Carrie Marten from SUNY Purchase

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM