

## SUNYLA Council Meeting

January 19, 2024

Virtual

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

In attendance: Dana Antonucci-Durgan, Michelle Beechey, Megan Benson, Fred Berowski, Morgan Bond, Michelle Bowers, Kate Brent, Milo Cameron, Kerry Carlson, Catherine Carra, Maureen Clements, Joan Cook, Justin Cronise, Justin Crossfox, April Davies, Jennifer DeVito, Lisa Errico, Leah Marie Fitzgerald, Carol Anne Germain, Dan Harms, Gregg Headrick, Rebecca Hewitt, Aleshia Huber, Jocelyn Ireland, Kathryn Johns-Masten, Bill Jones, Caitlin Kenney, Jacquie Keleher, Dana Laird, Jill Locascio, Dana Longley, Amanda Lowe, Charles Lyons, Joe Malek, Alicia Marrese, Cheryl Marriott, Giovannine Matheron, Cynthia McKane, Jaime Neudecker, Alana Nuth, Clare O'Dowd, Chrissy O'Grady, Sarah O'Shea, Susan Perry, Molly Poremski, Violet Price, Mechele Romanchock, John Santana, Adam Saunders, David Schuster, Liz Simmons, Derek Stadler, Heather Stalter, Abigail Streeter, Marcy Strong, Katelynn Telford, Alayna Vander Veer, Jane Verostek, Dawn Walton, Anna Wong, and Hilary Wong

Meeting start time: 10:02 AM

### 1. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2023 meeting.

#### 1.1. Motioned to approve, minutes approved

### 2. Report Recaps

#### 2.1. Officers

##### 2.1.1. President – Adam Saunders

2.1.1.1. The remaining SUNYLA Council meetings for the year are scheduled for March 22 and June 12. Both meetings will be virtual and in-person at Buffalo State College.

2.1.1.2. Library Advocacy Day is happening in just three weeks on February 7. Rallies are planned in Albany with virtual and in-person meetings with members of the NYS Assembly and Senate. Free advocacy sessions are also happening at the Renaissance.

2.1.1.3. SUNYLA has been advocating for the re-funding of NovelNY, funding for which was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2024. This issue has raised the issue of SUNYLA's ability to advocate.

2.1.1.4. Adam met with NYLA Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon and President Lisa Kropp to inquire about SUNYLA joining NYLA as an organizational member to strengthen SUNYLA's advocacy power. The benefits would be greater leverage for advocacy, associate membership for individuals, creation of an Academic Libraries Legislative Committee, professional development opportunities, and NYLA member rates for NYLA events. Adam will be inviting AnnaLee Dragon and Lisa Kropp to the March SUNYLA Council meeting to learn more about this potential partnership.

2.1.1.5. In the past, SUNYLA was an organizational member of NYLA. Being an organizational member would require that SUNYLA pay annual dues which would be \$100 for the first year and \$200 for future years.

2.1.1.6. If SUNYLA was to join NYLA as an organizational member, it would have to be made clear that SUNYLA is not becoming part of NYLA and SUNYLA will maintain its autonomy.

2.1.1.7. NYLA has strong advocacy clout because an individual works with NYLA to advocate at the state and national level. Currently, there is very little academic representation at NYLA and very little offered for academic librarians by NYLA.

##### 2.1.2. First Vice President – Jill Locascio

2.1.2.1. Elections are coming up. Nominations are being sought for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Secretary. (Alana Nuth plans to run for another term as Secretary.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will be Carrie Fishner as Delhi is hosting the annual conference in 2025.

2.1.3. Second Vice President – Charles Lyons

2.1.3.1. Planning continues for the 2024 annual conference. The conference bank account is open, dorm rooms are reserved, and the planning committee is currently reviewing spaces for conference sessions. The call for proposals was distributed last week. The proposal deadline is in March. The conference website live, information about hotels is available on the website, more content is coming.

2.1.3.2. The planning team's original three picks for keynote speaker were either too expensive or too logistically challenging. Nalia Ansari, faculty member at Buffalo State, will be the keynote speaker. Ansari is a performer and professor in dance and theatre, her research interest are in archives, and she works closely with the library. Learn more about Nalia Ansari at her website: <https://www.nailaansari.org/about>

2.1.4. Secretary – Alana Nuth

2.1.4.1. No report

2.1.5. Treasurer – Leah Fitzgerald

2.1.5.1. The final 2023 Treasurer's report is posted to the forum. SUNYLA has \$10,916.10 in the bank and \$43,548.82 in PayPal. Leah filed the annual 990-N form with the IRS to state that SUNYLA's income was less than \$50,000.

## 2.2. Committees

2.2.1. Membership Development – Carol Anne Germain

2.2.1.1. Membership remains consistent:

2.2.1.1.1. 303 current members

2.2.1.1.2. 56 lifetime members

2.2.1.1.3. 59 student members

2.2.1.1.4. 58 delegates

2.2.1.2. Carol Anne and Leah have been working to address issues with PayPal. Bill Jones and Carol Anne have been working on renewal messages.

2.2.1.3. Amanda Lowe has been promoting student membership via social media.

2.2.2. Personnel Policies – Heather Stalter

2.2.2.1. The committee continues to work on the Stay Survey. The committee is currently working through comments from reviewers. Will share next draft for review. The committee currently has five committee members.

2.2.3. Professional Development – Logan Rath

2.2.3.1. Another library school student was matched with a mentor.

2.2.3.2. The Professional Development Grants Subcommittee approved an application from Hilary Wong at SUNY Cortland to host the Upstate New York Science Librarians meeting in October.

2.2.4. Publications – April Davies

2.2.4.1. Submissions are coming in for the next newsletter. Remember that delegates are responsible for sending information about their campuses for the newsletter. SUNYLA officers are responsible for sending information about activities that are happening in SUNYLA.

- 2.2.4.2. Remember also that the newsletter can do a special feature for special projects and initiatives happening on a given campus.
- 2.2.4.3. Still considering the idea of themed issues. In the past, themed issues have not gone well, but considering.
- 2.2.4.4. If you send April a piece for the newsletter and do not receive acknowledgement from April, please contact April. Some emails (especially messages with Google links) are blocked and April has to contact her campus IT for each message.

#### 2.2.5. TDG – VACANT

- 2.2.5.1. SUNYLA Midwinter Conference is scheduled for Friday, February 2. Registration is free. Please register even if you cannot attend because the event is recorded. Currently, the conference has more than 900 registrants.
- 2.2.5.2. Anna Wong from SUNY Canton will be assuming the position of TDG Chair. Jill and Anna are meeting next week to prepare for the transition. Many thanks to SUNYLA! Jill has been TDG Chair for nine years. Jill will continue to serve on the conference planning committee.
- 2.2.5.3. SUNYLA listserv issues were discovered by Jocelyn Ireland. All MVCC messages to listserv were rejected. Email security settings at MVCC caused the problem. Email security standards have been changing. Jill contacted ITEC to change a setting to fix the problem.

#### 2.2.6. Web Development – William Jones

- 2.2.6.1. Jill and Bill have been meeting individually with presenters for the Midwinter conference. Bill created a new webpage and blog post for the Midwinter conference: <https://sunyla.org/sunyla-midwinter-2024/>
- 2.2.6.2. Bill renewed the Zoom webinar license for \$340. The webinar license provides access for 1,000 seats. The next level of service provides access for 3,000 seats and costs significantly more. Last year, the Midwinter conference had 1,500 to 2,000 registrants with about 700 unique concurrent users.
- 2.2.6.3. Bill licensed one month of 30GB Zoom cloud storage for \$10 and renewed SUNYLA's Zoom One Pro Annual subscription for \$159.90.

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

- 2.2.7.1. SILC hosted the annual Instruction Showcase last week.
  - 2.2.7.1.1. Program link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QuC7opN2PWmquPOzV-nv0EpIKnFCQecyg9M48vQjX4o/edit?usp=sharing>  
Recorded sessions: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtA3gmcBbAP8UUF3fV9mpmo09NTpxmSWF&si=EYw0isYqtfIMpYs6>
- 2.2.7.2. The Showcase experienced a lower response than usual because of SUNYLA listserv issues (see the TDG report).
- 2.2.7.3. The next Community Conversation is scheduled for February 15 at 2:00 PM. The link will be sent via the infolit listserv. Upcoming topics include faculty-librarian partnerships, problem solving with one-shot sessions, and AI and instruction.

#### 2.2.8. Archives (ad hoc) – Jennifer Collins

- 2.2.8.1. No report

#### 2.2.9. IDEA Committee – Milo Cameron

- 2.2.9.1. IDEA listserv is now active. Anyone can register to join. Send a message to [subscribe-sunyla-idea-l@ls.suny.edu](mailto:subscribe-sunyla-idea-l@ls.suny.edu)
- 2.2.9.2. The IDEA Committee is preparing a statement regarding the conflict in Palestine.

## 2.3. Liaisons

### 2.3.1. FACT2 – Katie Ghidiu

2.3.1.1. The next FACT2 meeting is scheduled for February.

### 2.3.2. LACUNY – Derek Stadler

2.3.2.1. LACUNY will sponsor the New York Metro American Studies Association's (NYMASA) week-long summer institute in June 2024.

2.3.2.2. The LACUNY Dialogues presentation will be held on February 23.

2.3.2.3. The LACUNY Institute will be a hyflex event, both in-person and online, in Spring 2024, with a date(s) to be determined.

### 2.3.3. ESLN – Nate Hill

2.3.4. No report

### 2.3.5. IDS – Mark Sullivan

2.3.5.1. No report

### 2.3.6. OLIS – Maureen Clements

2.3.6.1. Governor Hochul appropriated \$3 million in the FY25 executive budget for NovelNY. OLIS will gather remaining impact statements by next Friday, and then is meeting with NYLA with talking points.

2.3.6.2. SUNY and CUNY went live yesterday with peer-to-peer resource sharing. Many thanks to Tim Jackson, Resource Sharing and Fulfillment Program Manager and Allie Verbovetskaya, University Director of Library Systems at CUNY.

2.3.6.3. Library Leaders meeting for 2024 will coincide with the CIT conference at the University of Buffalo.

2.3.6.4. OLIS created a new LibGuide rundown to accompany the virtual quarterly updates: <https://sunyolis.libguides.com/olis/bulletin>.

2.3.6.5. The 2024 SUNY Digital Learning Conference Educating for Digital Citizenship will be virtual on April 18-19. Submissions due January 28: <https://sunycpd.eventsair.com/24dlc/>

2.3.6.6. There is still time to register for two of the Library Leadership and Management courses: Change Management in Libraries (February 13 – March 25) and Library Strategic Planning (March 19 – April 29).

2.3.6.7. Register for OLIS events: <https://sunyolis.libguides.com/friendly.php?s=sls>

### 2.3.7. UUP – Dan Harms

2.3.7.1. UUP advocacy efforts continue for SUNY Fredonia and SUNY Potsdam.

2.3.7.2. The Calendar Year Employee Leave Program calendar is open: <https://oer.ny.gov/calendar-year-employee-leave-program-guidelines> and <https://oer.ny.gov/calendar-year-employee-leave-application>

2.3.7.3. This calendar is meant for librarians and not widely known.

### 2.3.8. NYLA – Caitlin Kenney

2.3.8.1. NYLA launched a new website. The URL is the same, however, old links will not work and will have to be updated.

2.3.8.2. Institutional and individual accounts will have to be manually set up with the new website and will not be rolling over.

### 2.3.9. NYSLAA – Dawn Foland

2.3.9.1. The planning committee is just about finished setting up the workshops for the 2024 NYLAA Conference. If you are interested in running a workshop for the annual conference in June, contact Cheryl Marriott.

- 2.3.9.2. The planning committee is preparing baskets for raffle at the conference. Donations are always welcomed.
- 2.3.9.3. NYSLAA will be holding a Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser starting in February.
- 2.3.9.4. The next meeting is January 30 at 11:00 AM.

### 3. Old Business

#### 3.1. Defunding of NovelNY – Adam Saunders

- 3.1.1. Governor Hochul included \$3 million in funding for NovelNY in the FY25 executive budget. The budget is not finalized until voted on. Thank you for sending impact statements. If you have any other impact statements, please send to Adam by January 26. All statements received have been forwarded to Maureen Clements at OLIS. Will be submitting a combined impact statement. All statements will be submitted anonymously.
- 3.1.2. Must continue advocacy work to make sure that NovelNY stays in the budget for FY25.

### 4. New business

#### 4.1. Discussion on Faculty Librarians and Work Scheduled – Adam Saunders

- 4.1.1. Adam would like to start a discussion of how faculty librarians work is scheduled as compared to teaching faculty.
- 4.1.2. Most librarians have a set schedule. Teaching faculty, on the other hand, do not have obligations to be on campus during set, scheduled hours. Teaching faculty must be present for office hours, teaching, and in-person obligations but do not maintain a set work schedule.
- 4.1.3. Are faculty librarians required to have a set work schedule?
  - 4.1.3.1. Recommendation to speak with local UUP chapter as it may depend on the situation.
  - 4.1.3.2. UUP represented employees are not on a time clock like classified staff.
- 4.1.4. Conflict at some campuses between the expectation of faculty-level work with staff workloads and requirements.
- 4.1.5. How are teaching faculty with 12-month contracts scheduled? Are they scheduled?
- 4.1.6. Are time clock arrangements present for librarians? Or, is it more flexible?
- 4.1.7. Many campuses have a general expectation that librarians will be on-campus with some flexibility for scheduling and telecommuting.
- 4.1.8. The discussion also raises the question of performance and how an employee's performance is related or not related to on-campus presence.
- 4.1.9. A complicating factor is the fact that some campuses had local practices for telecommuting and now with the new UUP agreement, there is a formal agreement.
- 4.1.10. This report may be a helpful resource: Joint Statement on Faculty Status of College and University Librarians: <https://www.aaup.org/report/joint-statement-faculty-status-college-and-university-librarians>

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM