

## Minutes

SUNYLA Executive Board/Council Meeting

November 17, 2000

Sherwood Inn, Skaneateles, NY

### Present:

Gretchen Douglas (Cortland), Ellen McCabe (Cortland), Hilary Sternberg (Buffalo State College), Karen Ferington (Niagara CCC), Jill Ortner (UB), Jane Verostek (ESF), Flora Nyland (ESF), Alice Harrington (Monroe Community College), Kathy Gundrum (NYLINK), Fred Bauer (Utica/Rome), Ethyl Sheehy (Empire State College), John Schumacher (SUNY System Admin), Colleen Smith (Cobleskill), Christine Root (HVCC), Sharon Malecki (FLCC), Elizabeth Gulacsy (Ceramics), Kim Davies (Geneseo), Adrienne Furness (Genesee CC), Dave Kreh (Cortland), Jim Coan (Oneonta), Bern Mulligan (Binghamton), Nancy Cannon (Oneonta), Joyce Miller (Adirondack CC), Bill Drew (Morrisville), Julie Wash (Monroe CC), Mark Smith (Ceramics), Cathy Reed (Oswego), Marianne Eimer (Fredonia), Barbara Greil (Alfred), Jennifer Quigley (Brockport), Laura Cohen (Albany), Holly Chambers (Potsdam)

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

### 1. Approval of minutes

- After corrections for spelling, etc., Bill Drew moved to approve minutes, seconded by Mark A. Smith. Minutes were unanimously approved by all present.

### 2. Announcements Correspondence, Appointments

- Morrisville is in the process of interviews for the open position of Reference & Instruction
- Brockport is looking for an associate director--ads were going out the following week. They will also be looking for a head of circulation next semester
- Jennifer Quigley received an Information Literacy Grant from the Rochester Library Council
- On October 28, 2000, Monroe Community College inaugurated a new president
- Buffalo State will have three openings in the spring semester for systems, meta-data librarian, and reference and instruction librarian.
- Christine Root, Head of Reference at HVCC is retiring effective December 29, 2000.

### 3. Officer's reports

#### 3.1 President's Report--Julie Wash

- Julie passed out copies of the requirements for three SUNY LMS working groups:
  - Data Management
  - Access Management
  - Systems Management

Calls will go out to the SUNYLA listserv for people to apply to these groups. There will be 5 to 8 people in each group and OLIS will take all nominations into consideration. The deadline for nominations is December 13 and Maggie Horn will be available if anyone has questions.

- SliCat Representative--A call will go out soon for a representative from four-year arts and sciences institutions to this group. It is a two year term appointment that can be renewed.
- Julie had gotten an email from the Chronicle of Higher Education wanting to do an article about SUNYConnect. Look for an article in the Chronicle in the near future.
- A copy of the Regent's Commission report entitled: "Meeting the Needs of All New Yorkers: Library Service in the New Century" was given to all at the meeting
- The new SUNYConnect Brochures was passed around

CHE Newsletter--New standards for colleges and universities has been announced. Libraries were mentioned in the report. CHE is looking for feedback on the report. See their website at: <http://www.msache.org>

ARIEL initiative--A focus group will be started to see how ARIEL is used in SUNY. Questions will also be posted to the listserv. Cathy Reed's ILL survey may help with knowing which libraries in SUNY already use ARIEL.

- A vote for the location of the next meeting (March 16, 2001) was taken. A vote was passed for having the next meeting at the Sherwood in (2 voted no, 3 abstentions).

#### 3.2 First Vice President's Report--Gretchen Douglas

A reminder that nominations for officers need to be put to the council. Look to the SUNYLA website for the duties of each position. Currently, there are three positions open: First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Treasurer. Nominations need to be by the March Meeting for an April election.

Management Training: Gretchen moved "to establish an ad hoc committee to review options for management training for SUNY librarians. The Committee will make its recommendations to the council at the March meeting." A vote on this item was unanimous. Volunteers for this committee are as follows:

- Hilary Sternberg
- Susan Kraat
- Alice Harrington
- Sharon Malecki
- Bill Drew
- Mark Smith

### 3.3 Second Vice President's Report--Jennifer Quigley

- The Conference website is now up and running: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/~library/sunyla/>
- A general outline of the conference schedule was passed out and is shown below:

#### Wednesday, June 6, 2001

10:00am-6:00pm	Registration
1:00-4:15pm	Pre-conference workshops (Make pre-conferences earlier?)
4:30-6:00pm	SUNYLA Executive Board/Council Meeting
5:00-7:00pm	Wine Tasting
7:00-8:30pm	Buffet dinner
8:30-10:00pm	Planetarium showings (2)

#### Thursday, June 7, 2001

7:30-8:30am	Breakfast
8:45-10am	Introductions/Welcome & Keynote Speaker
10:30-11:15am	Conference Sessions (45 min)
11:30-12:00	Poster sessions
12:00-2:30pm	Lunch and SUNYLA members meeting
2:45-3:30pm	Conference Sessions (45 min)
3:45-4:30pm	Conference Sessions (45 min)
4:45--5:15pm	Poster sessions
4:45-5:45pm	SIG meetings
6:30-?	Thursday night event

#### Friday, June 8, 2001

8:00-8:45am	Breakfast
9:00-10:20am	Conference Sessions (1 1/2)
10:30-11am	Poster Sessions
11:00-12:30pm	Conference Sessions (1 1/2)
12:30-	Lunch

- Jennifer requested \$2000.00 to start the conference bank account--a vote was cast and passed unanimously.

### 3.4 Secretary's Report--Katie Loomis

- None

### 3.5 Treasurer's Report--Hilary Sternberg

A report of the SUNYLA cash flow is as follows:

#### SUNYLA Treasurer's Cash Flow Report 7/1/00 Trough 11/15/00

<u>Subcategory</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>INFLOWS</u></b>	
Membership	4687.50
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>4687.50</b>
<b><u>OUTFLOWS</u></b>	
Clearinghouse	32.10
Conference 00	282.98
Friends Award	206.00
Meeting Expenses	573.27
Membership Committee	
Membership Committee - Unassigned	<u>67.35</u>
<b>Total Membership Committee</b>	<b>67.55</b>
Misc.	175.00
Postage	199.90
Professional Development Grant	200.00
Scholarship	883.55
Travel	178.78
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>2799.13</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>1888.37</b>

#### NET WORTH REPORT As of 11/15/00

<b>Bank and Cast Accounts</b>	
Conference Account	0.00
SUNYLA	<u>14436.88</u>
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	14436.88
Total Assets	<u>14439.88</u>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b>14436.88</b>

## 4.0 Committee Reports

### 4.1 Automation and Information Technology--Bill Drew

The official charge of the Automation and Information Technologies Committee:

"The Automation and 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 automation and information technology with other SUNY professional organizations as appropriate."

Web Site: <http://www.morrisville.edu/library/sunyla/>

#### W3C/ADA and Databases – Preliminary Results:

##### AP Photo Archive: Dave Ritchie reporting.

"AP Photo Archive initial page, home page, "search archive" page, and results pages are NOT compliant with W3C guidelines for priority level 1." Also – "phoned several contacts, both at AP and at the Accuweather

College/University number, and they don't know whom to send my web site query to."

##### DIALOG@CARL: Michael Matis reporting.

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Checkpoint	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1 -Images and animations.	X*			Inactive options use "inline" tags. (Available in GUI version)
2 - Image Maps		X		
3 - Graphs and Charts			X	
4 - Multimedia			X	
5 - Scripts, Applets, and Plug-ins		X		Inactive options use "inline" tags. (See Item #1)
6 - Forms	?	?		Could not get the LYNX version to go to a search.
7 - Skip to main content	X*			Jump markers available in HELP area.
8 - Frames		X		
9 - Tables		X		
10 - Correct Markup	?	?		Unsure of this.
11 - Cascading Style Sheets		X		Does not use CSS.
12 - Hypertext Links	X*			(See Item#1)
13 - Color & Contrast			X	
14 - Blinking, Moving or Flickering Content			X	
15 - Verify Accessibility			X	Could not use BOBBY to analyze site.

General Comments. LYNX version very slow. Need more navigation aids in text version.

**IAC InfoTrac: Charlie Cowling reporting.**

"InfoTrac did not pass – had a number of Priority One violations - frames and images with no alt text tags etc... I e-mailed them to tell them about this, and what the committee is doing, and while at the galegroup.com page didn't notice anything about accessibility."

**OCLC FirstSearch: Chris Hebblewaite reporting.**

"There are no policy statements I can find on the OCLC site or on any of

the FirstSearch pages. I emailed OCLC weeks ago about this but they did not respond.

I sent them another email this morning and told them if I didn't hear from them we (SUNY Librarians) would assume accessibility is not an important issue for them. I got a response to this second request right away but so far it was just to tell me that my question was being sent onto someone who could answer it."

Bobby Report: "This web page does not contain any Priority 1 accessibility errors that Bobby can detect. However, certain items require human judgment; these are listed below. Please review these items; if none of these apply to your page, it qualifies for Bobby Approved status."

**Gale Products (other than Infotrac): Kate Majewski reporting.**

In response to an e-mail query, Nancy Harris of Gale Group replies (10/6/00):

"Our InfoTrac products are currently ADA compliant.

I have provided our platform people with the requirements and I'm been told that all Gale products will be ADA compliant by SUNY's requirements."

**"Encyclopedia of Associations**

Bobby analysis: A top-level analysis (one link maximum) did not yield "Bobby Approved" status for this site. However, following user checks, only one Priority 1 concern remained:[Priority 1 (high)] Provide alternative text for all images."

**Literature Resource Center**

Bobby analysis: A top-level analysis (one link maximum) required several user checks for approval. However, following the user checks, no priority 1 concerns remained. Considering that the Encyclopedia of Associations and the Literature Resource Center (LRC) share an interface, most of the concerns about the LRC are already mentioned above.

Conclusion so far: The vendors generally are not far from Level 1 compliance but may not be aware of the issues or even the need. Even those that appear to comply have no policy listed.

**Library Websites: W3C/ADA Compliance Preliminary Report**

Response Rate: 22 out of 57 (39%). Not accepting any more responses.

Comments from respondents and answers to Q.5 to Q.9 will be in the final report. (Probably early January 2001)

1. Are you aware of the new state regulations regarding ADA compliance of official webpages? 90% answered yes.
2. If so, are your pages in the library website compliant now or will they be compliant soon? 72% answered yes.
3. Is there a committee or group at your college that is working on compliance issues? 45% answered yes.

4. Are there resource people on your campus who are working with you to help you achieve compliance? 36% answered yes.
5. What tools did you use/will you use to achieve compliance?
6. What did you/ will you have to do to make your pages compliant?
7. How will you keep library pages compliant?
8. Any suggestions for others striving for compliance?
9. Any other comments?

**Response Rate**

Type	Number	Possible	%
2yr cc	7	30	23.33%
2yr tech	4	5	80.00%
Arts & Sci.	8	13	61.54%
Univ. Centers	2	4	50.00%
Specials	1	5	20.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>38.60%</b>

**Summary of Responses to Yes/No Questions**

Type	Number	Q1 Yes	Q1 No	Q2 Yes	Q2 No	Q3 Yes	Q3 No	Q4 Yes	Q4 No
2yr cc (30)	7	6	1	4	3	2	5	2	5
2yr tech (5)	4	3	1	2	2	0	4	0	4
Arts & Sci. (13)	8	8	0	7	1	5	3	4	4
Univ. Centers (4)	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	0
Specials (5)	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Totals (57)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>

**Percentage Answering Yes to Questions Q1 to Q4**

Type	Q1 Yes	Q2 Yes	Q3 Yes	Q4 Yes
2yr cc	85.71%	57.14%	28.57%	28.57%
2yr tech	75.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Arts & Sci.	100.00%	87.50%	62.50%	50.00%
Univ. Centers	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	50.00%
Specials	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>All</b>	<b>90.91%</b>	<b>72.73%</b>	<b>45.45%</b>	<b>36.36%</b>

**4.2 Library Instruction--Nancy Cannon**

Ongoing projects of the Library Instruction committee (web page, distance learning, information literacy) continue. The possibility of sharing adaptations and online exercises for the SUNY web-based course in Information Literacy is currently under investigation.

Nancy asked for people to submit URL's for online tutorials, etc. pertaining to information literacy

#### 4.3 Membership Development--Kim Davies

##### **Membership:**

As of November 16, SUNYLA membership was increased to 334 and we now have 29 new members, plus 1 associate member. We strongly encourage campus delegates to continue recruiting new members and reminding past members to renew their membership. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Membership Development Committee is currently working on recruiting Associate Members. A letter drafted by Kim Davies was sent out to Syracuse University's library school listserv, but the MDC still has not received any completed membership forms from this institution. Similarly, this letter was sent to the SUNYLA delegates from the University at Buffalo and SUNY Albany, and to Kadri Niider, who has graciously agreed to contact the New York City library schools, as an example of SUNYLA promotion to be forwarded to those library schools' listservs.

Adrienne Furness is creating a webpage for the Membership Development Committee where we can spell out the different membership categories. It is our hope to include information about the Sylvia Chu scholarships to attract new members and a link to the membership form, for all interested individuals. Once this page is added to the SUNYLA website, the MDC will announce the URL via the SUNYLA listserv and encourage current members to spread the word about our new Associate Member category to librarians and library staff at non-SUNY institutions. If you already know of certain individuals who are interested in joining SUNYLA as Associate Members, please direct them to the membership form on the SUNYLA site.

No plans have been made as of yet to contact retired SUNY librarians/library staff, but this is on the list of things to do for the Membership Development Committee.

##### **Committee Members:**

The MDC is pleased to welcome a new addition to our team. Scott DiMarco from Herkimer CCC has joined the Membership Development Committee as our seventh member in the group.

##### **Cards and Directories:**

Current members should have already received a copy of this year's SUNYLA directory. If delegates are in need of any more copies or have extra copies that can be returned, please let me know. Membership cards have also been sent out. If there is a question of members who have paid their dues but have not yet received a card, please let me know.

##### **Membership Wine Tasting:**

The Membership Development Committee has arranged for a wine tasting, buffet dinner, and planetarium showing at this year's SUNYLA conference at Coming Community College. Wil Prout has worked hard to send out letters to the many wineries in the Finger Lakes region, asking for donations for the wine tasting event. Details on the wineries involved will be forthcoming. Appetizers will be served with the wine samples and conference attendees will then be called for a buffet dinner in the Commons. The MDC will award door prizes at the wine tasting so be sure to include this membership evening (Wednesday, June 6) on your conference schedule! It is sure to be a good time for all!

#### 4.4 Professional Development--Carol Anne Germain

None

#### 4.5 Personnel Policies--Jacquelyn Coughlan

Julie Wash announced that Jackie Coughlan will be stepping down as head of the committee and someone will need to take her place. Please contact Julie with your questions.

#### 4.6 Publications and Communications Committee--Jim Coan & Eileen O'Hara

Eileen O'Hara has worked with the Brockport Print Shop on the design of the masthead for the newsletter and has produced a color graphic which will be part of every front page of the newsletter. This enhancement means a clearer SUNYLA graphic than the previously used reproduction.

The October newsletter was distributed to all campuses. The committee worked with Kim Davies of Membership to provide an updated and accurate mailing list of campuses and delegates.

New member Abigail Bordeaux from Binghamton has joined the committee. She has experience in publications and is willing to help in the production of the newsletter.

The January issue is in the planning stages. Deadline for campus news is December 11, 2000. Articles from committee chairs and board members are welcome for publication. Please try to submit by December 11.

#### 4.7 Clearinghouse--Candace Merbler

- None

#### 4.8 Web Manager--Laura Cohen

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During the month of October, the main page of the site was visited 389 times. Subpages with more than 100 hits include the conference page, the SUNY directory and the alphabetical list of libraries in SUNY.

- The domain name ***sunyla.org*** was purchased from Network solutions for five years. An email account has been added to the site: ***webmaster@sunyla.org***.
- The new site will be up hopefully in January.
- Mark Smith asked if the council could send a letter of thanks to the Univ. Albany systems people for their help with the SUNYLA domain work.

#### 4.9 Ad-Hoc Committee on Advocacy and External Relations--Ellen Mancuso

- The committee has sent a written letter to campus presidents and legislators
- Ellen talked with Carey Hatch to produce SUNYConnect brochures and mail them to campus presidents, faculty senate, and legislators.

#### 5.0 Liaison Reports

##### 5.1 COA--Natalie Sturr

- none

##### 5.2 FACT--Mark Smith

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No meetings have occurred and no new activities to report on since our last meeting. I do wish to remind the membership of the following information (also disseminated via email)

- Call for CIT 2001 Presentations is Out:

#### **Conference on Instructional Technology 2001 : An Odyssey of Innovation May 29-31, 2001 - SUNY Geneseo**

- Deadline for receipt of proposal is Jan 19'
- Author Notification of selected presentations by February 19'
- Information on the conference and the Call for Presentations are available at <http://cit.suny.edu>
- Hard copy of the call is available from this site (in pdf), from your campus FACT Rep., or by contacting me at [msmith@alfred.edu](mailto:msmith@alfred.edu).

Proposals are invited in the following tracks: (details are found in the call)

- **Instructional Techniques and Pedagogy**
- **Instructional Partnerships**
- **Emerging Technologies**
- **New Environments**
- **Policies, Support Strategies, and the Changing Nature of Faculty Roles**
- **Birds of a Feather:**

Proposals are solicited for sessions that would share problems and solutions regarding topics or products of broad general interest to the academic community.

##### 5.3 SAC--Laura Cohen

The SUNYConnect Advisory Council (SAC) met on September 27 and November 1. A few highlights of the meetings:

SAC met with Provost Peter Salins in Albany during the November 1 meeting. Dr. Salins emphasized his wish to see SUNYConnect as the key to a wider consortial effort across New York State ultimately involving executive and legislative support. He also spoke about his goal of a common acquisitions policy for SUNY.

SAC will decide which campuses will be included in the next round of Aleph 500 implementations by March 2001.

SAC is developing network requirements for the optimal performance of SUNYConnect.

Pilot: Fredonia expects to be up and running on Aleph 500 in January 2001. Other campuses will follow next summer.

SAC adopted a policy for the implementation of required LMS modules. All campuses must implement the OPAC (local campus catalog and union catalog), circulation (local campus and remote patron-initiated borrowing), and shared authority control. Libraries may implement other modules when and as appropriate.

#### 5.4 UUP--David Kreh

January UUP Voice Newsletter will be an issue devoted to libraries and librarians. It will have two parts: SUNYConnect and Librarian Issues. Let Dave know if you wish to be interviewed for the issue.

#### 5.5 NYLINK--Kathy Gundrum

##### Programs

Nylink-sponsored **OCLC Users Day** to receive updates and to discuss OCLC products and services

- Wednesday, May 23, 2001: Nazareth College, Rochester
- Thursday, May 24, 2001: Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City Representatives from OCLC will provide updates in OCLC Reference, Resource Sharing, Collections and Technical Services, and OCLC WebExpress and OCLC SiteSearch Systems. Following this, presenters will share their views and perspectives about OCLC ILLiad and OCLC WebExpress.

Nylink is looking into bringing national conferences to the state in Spring 2001: OCLC Institute, CONSER Basic Serials Training and/or a LITA Institute.

Nylink will be submitting a proposal for the SUNYLA 2001 Conference on OCLC's CatME and/or CORC.

**OCLC Services**\_The new **OCLC Firstsearch service**: what do you think?!

##### **OCLC ILLiad**

software provides a comprehensive ILL management system that integrates borrowing automation, lending automation, and electronic document delivery in one Web-based customer interface. Pricing is for an individual institution - one physical site. The annual license fee includes the software license fee, ail updates to the software, and support for the software. Prices range from \$3,500 to \$5,000 depending on the total number of Interlibrary Requests per Year, with a one-time installation fee of \$1,200. See <http://www.illiad.ocic.org> for information, or contact Jon Penn at Nylink [peenj@nylink.suny.edu] with your questions.

##### **OCLC WebExpress**

service is now available. Using OCLC WebExpress, you can consolidate your electronic resources under one interface, and customize the interface to offer local information. Create links from your existing library home page or create a new library portal; provide patron authentication via IP address or passwords; and offer patron-initiated ILL to standards-based servers. See <http://www.ocic.org/Webexpress/> for more information, or contact Jane Neale at Nylink [nealej@nylink.suny.edu].

##### **Nylink Cooperative Purchasing**

New and upcoming services available through Nylink's Cooperative Purchasing Program are:

- **Docutek:**

In process of negotiating a contract with them. Known for its E-res electronic reserves software as well as for its Doculab suite of academic information portal software

tools. See <http://www.docutek.com>

- **iTKnowledge,**  
an ebook resource containing thousands of full-text technical books and guides-all cross-indexed and fully searchable using any standard web browser. Institutions that subscribe by November 20th qualify for a special introductory price of \$.28 per FTE, guaranteed through June 2002. Pricing after November 20th will be based on the total national aggregation. You can get a trial and sign up for this service at any time.
- **MCB/Emerald:**  
Nylink completed negotiations to provide electronic access to the entire existing Emerald database of MCB journals, with more than 130 full-text titles. This agreement requires that individual institutions maintain a print spend of at least \$1,500 over a three-year period with no price increase in the first year, 2001, and moderate increase in years two and three. See <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/MCBprop.htm> for details.
- **McGraw-Hill**  
Access Science and Harrison's Online [medical database] are available. Access Science is based on FTEs; Harrison's Online is based on number of users.
- **NetLibrary:**  
A new load is scheduled in upcoming weeks, bringing the total number of titles offered through the Nylink/netLibrary shared eBook collection to approximately 3,500 titles [vs. about 1900 currently].

For libraries that have custom netLibrary collections (not the Nylink-netLibrary collection), and have received MARC records directly from netLibrary, setting holdings is still possible through OCLC's Batchloading Service. You must complete a Batchload Order Form, available online at URL: <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/foEms/batord.htm>. In addition, if you intend to send the records to OCLC via FTP, and you do not currently have an EDX account, you must submit an EDX Assessment form, available at: <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/forms/edxasm.htm>.

EDX accounts may be set up for one-time transfers, or on an annual basis. If you already have an EDX account for other projects, you do not need a separate account for batchloading netLibrary records, but you still need to complete the batchload order to define the project.

#### Costs:

TAP 3908	One-Time EDX Download	\$ 55.00 per FTP
TAP 3921	Batchload Evaluation	\$425.00 per evaluation
TAP 3911	Batchload Current Single Inst.	\$ 0.15 per record

Contact Nancy Steele [steele@nylink.suny.edu] or Tatiana Sahm [sahmt@nylink.suny.edu] for Coop product questions.

#### New Staff

- Donna Dixon joined Nylink as OCLC Services Representative, working with libraries to see how OCLC and Nylink can assist in meeting their automation and electronic resource needs.
- Peg Palmiere is Nylink's new Business Manager.

**Other** Nylink has been awarded an Education and Training National **Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services [IMLS]** for 2000 to create the **Nylink Institute for Information Technology Fluency**.

This continuing distance-education institute will offer a series of workshops through which library professionals can achieve greater fluency in information technology in a format that allows learners to attend training when and where they need it. It addresses a need expressed by Nylink member libraries for distance-based training from Nylink, complementing Nylink's traditional classroom-based training program. The two-year grant project will run from December 2000 to December 2002. Jane Neale is the contact.

#### **SmartForce pilot project for online learning**

Nylink is embarking on a project that will move us towards our goal of creating an electronic learning environment for our members to supplement the traditional Nylink training program, a goal that is driven in part by feedback from our members. We are assessing computer based training from SmartForce (formerly known as CBT Systems), one of the resources to which we have access as part of our affiliation with SUNY. SmartForce classes are web-based, self-paced interactive learning classes, primarily but not exclusively in technology-related areas. SmartForce has been designed to allow students to locate SmartForce courses easily, using a web browser. The pilot project will involve staff members from the libraries of Nylink Council and Advisory Group members. There are twenty-one participants from 11 different institutions signed up, including SUNY College at Fredonia. The pilot runs from September through December 2000. Each participant will select at least two courses to take and evaluate from about 600 SmartForce courses and may take additional courses during the pilot project. Participants will evaluate the courses in terms of their content, accessibility, usability, and overall value. Jane Neale is the contact

## 5.6 OLIS--John Schumacher

### *SUNYConnect* LMS

- SUNY - Ex. Libris contract approved by New York State (Contract number CM00611).
  - Project hardware is on order. Hold up is because of NYS / Sun.contract issues.
  - CUNY is moving ahead with their Ex Libris implementation. Marsha Ra expressed her gratitude to SUNY for facilitating their software procurement process.
  - Pilot sites have begun the implementation process. This includes conversion analysis, training and data extractions.
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- SUNYConnect Advisory Council has indicated a March/April 2001 timeframe for the selection of the next round of implementing libraries as well as for the designation of the host sites.

### *SUNYConnect* Databases

- SUNYConnect has purchased approximately 800 netLibrary titles.
- SLICAT is evaluating the HarpWeek database.

### *SUNYConnect* Briefings / Publicity

- The *SUNYConnect* Advisory Council met with *SUNY* Provost Salins on November 1,2000.
- A *SUNYConnect* presentation was made to the SUNY Board of Trustees on November 14,2000 A promotional video and *SUNYConnect* brochures have been distributed to all SUNY library directors. SUNY System Administration released the *SUNYConnect* press notice found at [http://www.suny.edu/SUNY\\_News/suny\\_news.html](http://www.suny.edu/SUNY_News/suny_news.html) The press release was picked up by a number of media outlets. An additional press release regarding the contract approval has been distributed to library and/or higher education-oriented publications. For additional information about *SUNYConnect* <http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu> [http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/sunverqy](http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/sunverqysuny.edu/sunverqy) <http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/sunyconnection>

### *SUNY* OLIS

SUNY System Administration is undergoing a strategic planning process. IBM has been contracted to carry out the analysis. Thanks to SUNYLA for assistance in selecting SUNYConnect-related committee and working group members. FYI. The New York State deadline for state web site accessibility has been extended to December 31, 2000.