

Minutes
SUNYLA Executive Board
Friday, November 16, 2001
Central New York Library Resources Council, Syracuse, NY
11 am – 3 pm

Present:

Ann Gunning (NYLINK), Frederick Bauer (UTICA), Ellen McCabe (Cortland), Laura Cohen (Albany), Timothy Gatti (Albany), Susan Kraat (New Paltz), Jennifer Quigley (Brockport), Eileen O'Hara (Brockport), Natalie Sommerville (Brockport), Charlene Rezabek (MCC), Mark Smith (Alfred Ceramics), Kim Davies (Geneseo), Michelle Eichelberger (FLCC), Elizabeth Geogheyan (Stony Brook), Kathleen DeLaney (Univ. Buffalo), Violet Evans (SUNY Brooklyn), Barbara Shaffer (Oswego), Jay Lundgren (Delhi), Doug Welch (Canton), Marianne Eimer (Fredonia), Kerrie Fergen (Fredonia), Bern Mulligan (Binghamton), Beverly Crowell (Alfred Ceramics), Elizabeth Gulacsy (Alfred Ceramics), Jill Ortner (Univ. Buffalo), Nancy Giardino (Buffalo State), Jeanette Smithee (NYTRO), Karen Ferington (Niagara CCC), Peter Barboets (Schenectady CCC), Joseph Petrick (Alfred State College), Nancy Cannon (Oneonta), Jim Coan (Oneonta), Jane Verostek (SUNY ESF), Jill Barrile (Erie Community College), Gretchen Douglas (Cortland)

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 am

1. Approval of Minutes

- Elizabeth Gulacsy moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting
- Karen Ferington seconded
- **Minutes were approved by all present**

2. Announcements, correspondence, appointments

- Jennifer Quigley announced that Brockport, MCC, and FLCC had a new telephone area code – 585
- Susan Kraat stated that New Paltz has two new reference librarians – Greg Wirszyła (came from Oyster Bay) and Athena Nezaría (from Rutgers).
- Buffalo State has a new Coordinator of Information Literacy – David Sawicki
- The Daemen Campus has a new librarian – Sal Anchondo
- Delhi has a new reference librarian – Steve Dickson

3. Officer's Reports

3.1 President's Report – Gretchen Douglas

Appointments:

Jeff Harr from Onondaga Community College will be the community college representative to the SUNY Library Statistics Advisory Team Committee.

Linda Frank will be the chair of the Aleph Users Group.

Linda brings to this endeavor her experiences as part of the MultiLis Users Group and Tompkins Cortland Community College's successful implementation of Aleph this summer. Currently three people have volunteered to help Linda with writing the bylaws for this group. Two individuals are from 4-year colleges and one person is from a community college.

Linda would really like to have someone from one of the university centers on this committee. I think, if it would not make the committee too unwieldy, a representative from the Colleges of Technology/Agriculture and the Health Sciences/Specialized Colleges should be included as well.

September 11th Initiative: At the September 14th meeting the Council/Board approved the following resolution:

We, the members of the State University of New York Librarians Association, pledge our support to provide whatever services needed to help those SUNY and CUNY campuses affected by the recent terrorist attacks, in order to facilitate their efforts in serving their constituents.

I sent a message to the SCLD listserv asking directors for their support in this initiative. A list of libraries that volunteered their services is attached. I then sent faxes and letters to the directors of those SUNY campuses identified on the SUNYNet Technology Website – Farmingdale, Fashion Institute, Maritime, Nassau, Old Westbury, Optometry, Purchase and Suffolk.

I also sent letters to CUNY schools in the greater Manhattan area. Several library directors sent us letters expressing their appreciation. In addition, letters were sent to Provost Peter Salins and Chancellor Robert King. We received a letter from Chancellor King expressing his thanks.

A letter was sent to the American Red Cross with the organization's check for \$300 in memory of state employees who were lost in the attack on the World Trade Center.

SUNY Council of Library Directors Meeting: I attended the SCLD meeting on September 28th. Main issues discussed in terms of SUNY librarians include the Higher Education Initiative. Talks between SUNY library directors, 3Rs and Janet Welch from the State Library took place at the end of October. Redundancy in Science Direct journal subscriptions is being addressed to maximize the journals availability to all campuses. Information Literacy was also a topic of discussion.

The directors are excited about the CIT initiative and the CUNY liaison reported the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs has endorsed the concept of information literacy and has directed each Provost to urge their campus to integrate information literacy into the college curricula.

- The Aleph Users Group is looking for nominees from University Centers, Technical and Specialized Colleges. Please give names to Gretchen
- Gretchen passed around a [letter the Chancellor sent](#) to her thanking her for SUNYLA's help to libraries after September 11.

3.2 First Vice President – Marianne Eimer

- Marianne put out a call for nominations for the following executive board positions: First Vice President/President Elect, Second Vice President, & Secretary. Descriptions of the positions can be found on the SUNYLA website at <http://www.sunyla.org> . Please send along your nominations to her.

3.3 Second Vice President – Natalie Sommerville

- The Theme for this year's conference is: "Forming Partnerships, Building Communities"
- The conference website is up: <http://www.fredonia.edu/library/sunyla>
- The deadline for posters/presentation submissions is February 1, 2002
- Bill Drew has stepped down from the conference committee. Natalie is looking for someone to replace him.

The committee has an opportunity for a person at ACRL to speak at the Management Pre-Conference Workshop – George Soete – for a fee of \$1750.00 plus travel. Natalie wanted to know if this is a good idea.

- o The general consensus was that this was a good idea, but some were concerned over the budget for the conference. Suggestions were to offer the workshop at a higher fee (since it's an all-day workshop) in order to defray some of the costs.

Laura Cohen asked Natalie if there were other tracks to the conference other than ones that reflect the conference theme. She stated that she had spoken to several people who wished to speak at the conference, but were put off by the thought that they had to speak just to the theme.

- o Natalie stated that she would look into creating a track that would allow for more diverse speakers.

3.4 Secretary – Katie Loomis

- None

3.5 Treasurer – Elizabeth Gulacsy

TREASURER' S REPORT
7/1/01 - 11/13/01

INCOME

Associate New	30.00	
Associate Renewing	45.00	
New	450.00	
Renewing	4987.50	
TOTAL Membership	5512.50	
Transfer Funds	7147.00	
TOTAL INCOME		12659.50

EXPENSES

Bank Charge	15.00	
Conference 2001	541.25	
Conference 2002	2000.00	
Meeting: Executive Committee	408.50	
Membership Development Committee:	112.79	
Scholarship: S. Chu 2001	641.15	
Treasurer: Office Supplies	44.92	
Publication Committee	1670.00	
Donation	300.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		5733.61

OBLIGATED

Friend Of SUNYLA	300.00	
Professional Grants	1000.00	
Scholarship: S. Chu 2002	1000.00	
TOTAL OBLIGATED		2300.00

- Elizabeth stated that Hilary Sternberg contacted her about the audit of the SUNYLA treasury. Additional monies (on top of the \$400.00 already given to her) would be needed to perform the audit, as she had been given quotes from \$1300.00 - \$1500.00.

- o Jill Ortner stated that it was in the bylaws that an official audit was needed and that an auditor's review (suggested by H. Sternberg) wouldn't be done without a bylaws change.
- o Elizabeth asked that SUNYLA authorize an additional \$900.00 to cover the audit expenses. M. Smith moved to release the funds. Susan Kraat seconded. **Approved by all present.**

- Elizabeth also cautioned that when she looked at the books that SUNYLA needs to be more careful with our funds. SUNYLA needs to stop losing money on conferences and scholarships to the conference or we run the risk of eventually having little operating budget

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Automation and Information Technology – Bill Drew

- none

4.2 Library Instruction – Nancy Cannon

- Charge to the Library Instruction Committee (from the SUNYLA bylaws):

- o “The Library Instruction Committee shall promote library user instruction at SUNY libraries and the exchange of information about library instruction; support the development, coordination, and assessment of library instruction programs; and recommend programs for professional development in library instruction.”

- We explored the use of our committee listserv (SUNYLI-L@listserv.albany.edu, for discussion of topics of interest to instruction librarians. There appears to be a lack of interest by the committee members in pursuing this further.
- We continue to update and maintain the SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee web site at <http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/sunyla/>

4.3 Membership Development—Kim Davies

- **Membership:** As of November 15, SUNYLA membership was increased to 405, 21 more members than we had at the end of 2000-2001! We have 63 new members so far this year and 7 associate members. The MDC would like to thank the campus delegates, many of whom are new this year, and other hard-working SUNYLA members for spreading the word and increasing membership to an all-time high for this time of year. We are already closing in on our annual goal of 450 members and 65 new members. With the focus of this year's annual conference, we hope to attract more associate members, librarians from outside SUNY, who have been collaborating with SUNY libraries. Also, considering that this year's conference will be held in Buffalo, we hope to recruit library school students from the University of Buffalo as associate members.
- **Committee Members:** The MDC is pleased to welcome a new addition to our team. Sharon Malecki, from FLOC, has joined the Membership Development Committee as our sixth member in the group.
- **Directories and Cards:** The SUNYLA directory will be distributed at November 16's council meeting. For those delegates who could not make the meeting, your copies will be sent in the next few weeks. Membership cards have also been sent out and the latest batch will be distributed at the council

meeting or mailed to individual campuses.

- **Membership Beer Tasting:** The Membership Development Committee is planning a beer tasting for this year's conference, since last year's wine tasting proved to be a rousing success. Wil Prout will be working with local micro-breweries that are willing to donate samples for a good cause. We plan on having Buffalo specialties, chicken wings for example, to feed a hungry crowd. As in past years, door prizes will be awarded to new and renewing members.

4.4 Professional Development – Carol Ann Germain

- none

4.5 Personnel Policies – Fred Bauer

- Ron Foster is the committee's newest member. He will be helping with the salary survey

4.6 Publications and Communications – Jim Coan & Eileen O'Hara

- The Directory has been produced and is available for distribution to delegates and campus representatives today. Please take enough for your campus, as this will help cut down on mailing costs. Thanks to Kim Davies for her excellent work on the directory, and also to Eileen O'Hara and the Brockport Print Office for coordinating the production of the directory.
- The newsletter has been published for October. Next issue due out in February, with campus news and other items requested by the end of January. Thanks to all those who helped with contributions and editing on the last issue.
- The committee has forwarded a report on its financial status and activities over the past years to the finance committee for review by an auditor.

4.7 Web Manager – Laura Cohen

Usage reports continue to be run on a monthly basis. The site statistics are running fairly steady. The reports are available on the SUNYLA Web site.

Popular pages include:

- SUNYLA Directory/Alphabetical list of SUNY libraries
- Conference page
- Membership Form
- Officers and Past President
- Listserv and SIG Discussion Groups
- Newsletters

At this meeting, I request that the membership of the Executive Board and Council recommend any changes in the way the statistics are reported and in the information released in the reports.

4.8 Ad – Hoc Committee on Advocacy and External Relations – Ellen Mancuso

- none

5.0 Liaison Reports

5.1 COA – Natalie Sturr

- none

**I. Information Literacy Track for CIT 2002 - FACT Conference on Instructional Technologies:
SUNY Oneonta - May 28th to May 30th, 2002**

Upon request of the Faculty Access to Computers and Technology (FACT) Committee, SUNYLA has undertaken a project to guide the Information literacy Track for the Conference on Instructional Technologies (CIT) to be held in May.

The Call for Presentation proposals is now available at <http://www.cit.suny.edu/cit2002/index.html>

Board/Council and membership support is urgently needed !

Eyes are on us... The FACT committee is anxious to hear of progress we have made to identify featured speakers for this track and progress in soliciting proposals for presentations from librarian and non-librarian faculty.

- Help from the entire SUNYLA board/council is necessary assuring success. Comments, suggestions, PR on each campus will go a long way to assure a quality set of session proposals.
- Steps need to be taken to secure featured/invited speakers and promote their presence.
- Council should define SUNYLA sponsored “Red Carpet Treatment” for “invited” speakers and budget determined and approved.
- Everyone’s extra effort is needed to publicize the call with librarians and classroom faculty and staff.
- Help Identify initiatives on our campuses.
Ex. Collaborative projects fostering information literacy, or examples of curriculum integration, or examples of institutional policy and commitment to I.L.
- Promote the presentation opportunities among the membership and beyond. Short presentations welcome! Re-working past presentations from SUNYLA conferences may be appropriate.

Bottom Line..

SUNYLA has taken on an exciting challenge to bring Information Literacy information to the forefront with non-librarian colleagues throughout SUNY. An Information Literacy track at CIT is a HUGE opportunity... Not only for its PR potential, but also for our organization and the work of SUNY libraries. The potential audience will include nearly 800 classroom faculty and tech staff from across SUNY.

The FACT committee (in a rather progressive move) has deemed Information Literacy important enough to create a high profile platform to speak to a wide range of non-librarian folks on a wide range of related issues. SUNYLA has been asked to guide this conference track. Many eyes in the SUNY technology community will be on SUNYLA and we must step up. This will be no time to hide our light under a bushel. The enthusiasm and energy of all our members rally round to make this effort a huge success.

II. COCIDS – FACT is awarding monies for SUNY campuses that wish to host “**Conferences on Computing in the Disciplines**” Grants of up to \$5.000 are available to SUNY faculty or staff who wish to host conferences or seminars in the calendar year 2002. Applications are reviewed as received. Information is available at <http://www.fact.suny.edu/cocids.html>

5.3 SAC – Laura Cohen

The SUNYConnect Advisory Council met on October 2. Highlights:

- The three campuses presently in production include Fredonia, Oswego and Tomkins-Cortland. Binghamton and Stony Brook plan to migrate in January 2002. Buffalo plans to migrate in May 2002.
- Preparation is underway to begin work on the next wave of migrations. Campuses are: Herkimer, Broome, Morrisville, HSC Syracuse, Cortland, Cayuga and Onondaga. The library directors involved have been asked to submit names of project managers and backups as well as their availability to meet with OLIS staff in November.
- For the next wave, a baseline template is being built for the configuration of modules and table set up. Ex Libris will provide a list of tables that must be configured, and create documentation for those tables needing local configuration. Ex Libris will be helping the OLIS create a SUNY tree of tables which will serve as a standard template for future migrations. Laura Murray and Michelle Moorhead of OLIS are working on a template that will be a prototype for an Aleph Web OPAC that could be used by campuses
- Preparation work for the Union Catalog is ongoing. The Data Management Working Group has developed a merging algorithm to test. The Access Management Working Group has been holding regular conference calls to develop guidelines for universal borrowing.
- The Document Delivery RFP was sent out by NYLINK. NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, three responses were received and they were disappointing. NYLINK is making direct contacts with those who responded to discuss RFP requirements, pricing, etc.
- SlicAT has released a list of core databases for the SUNYConnect collection. The goal is to develop a suite of products which would be purchased through Nylink.
- SAC adopted a privacy policy to protect personal information entered into the LMS.
- SAC will be meeting with Provost Salins at its December 4 meeting.

5.4 UUP – John Schumacher

- Delegates at the Fall 2001 UUP Delegate Assembly voted to remove term limits for UUP statewide officers. The limit had been five consecutive two-year terms. The change to the UUP constitution passed by four votes.
- The 2001-2002 SUNY Financial Plan includes increased allocations for all SUNY campuses except two (Alfred Tech and Old Westbury).
- “Effective July 1, 2001, there shall be available an amount equal to one percent of the total of the salaries on June 30, 2001, for *distribution by the State University Trustees in their discretion* to incumbents on the payroll June 30, 2001. Such distribution shall occur not later than December 31, 2001, and shall be retroactive to July 1, 2001 or September 1, 2001, as appropriate to professional obligation.”
(NYS-UUP Contract. Article 20.7 emphasis added)

- Donations (sent to the address below) for the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund (for September 11th victims) will be matched by UUP (up to a total of \$10,000).
- Correspondence sent to the UUP main office should have typed or pre-printed addresses. Please note that the address has changed:
UUP
159 Wolf Road
Box 15143
Albany, NY 12212-5143

5.5 NYLINK – Ann Gunning (For Kathy Gundrum)

General Announcements

Statewide Ground Delivery Service:

The RFP for the statewide ground delivery service that Nylink is facilitating, at the request of the SUNYConnect Advisory Council, was reissued on October 29 with responses due on November 26. The revised estimated start date is March 2002.

Nylink Advisory Group Elections: Ballots will be mailed within the next two weeks. Nominees include SUNY librarians; Nylink appreciates the willingness of these librarians to participate in these groups which provide valuable input to Nylink in the areas of Collections & Technical Services, Electronic Resources, Information Technology, and Resource Sharing.

OCLC News

The new **Web interface to OCLC's ILL system** is now available at <http://illweb.oclc.org>. Libraries may use this interface in place of, or in conjunction with, the Passport interface. For more information, please consult the OCLC Web site at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/ill/webinterface.htm> or contact Jon Penn at Nylink at 800-342-3353 or pennj@nylink.suny.edu.

OCLC CatME for Windows, version 2.00, has been released

by OCLC and is available for download from the OCLC Web site. OCLC CatME software, which combines interactive online searching and processing with optional offline batch functionality, is available at no charge to OCLC Cataloging members. For more information, visit the CatME home page at <http://www.oclc.org/catme/>. For information on CatME's role in OCLC's migration to a Web-accessible interface for cataloging, please go to <http://www.oclc.org/strategy/cataloging/>.

FirstSearch:

FirstSearch Statistics Redesign Project: Nylink wishes to thank SUNY librarians Holly Chambers (Potsdam), Bill Drew (Morrisville) and Sarah Maximiek (Binghamton) for volunteering to participate as consultants during OCLC's project to completely redesign FirstSearch usage statistics.

New database: Alternative Press Index, added to FirstSearch on November 11. Available both on a per-search basis and on an annual subscription basis. Contact Donna Dixon at Nylink (800-342-3353, dixon@nylink.suny.edu) to obtain subscription pricing and to set up a trial.

Recent database changes and enhancements include: ArticleFirst and ContentsFirst databases merged; H.W. Wilson databases Applied Science & Technology Abstracts, Art Abstracts, Education Abstracts, General Science Abstracts, Humanities Abstracts and Social Sciences Abstracts now available only on a subscription basis -- index-only versions available on per-search basis; establishing or making changes to IP address recognition access to FirstSearch now accomplished via the FirstSearch administrative module; export of bibliographic records into EndNote software available; OpenURL server linking for enhancing

full-text access; optional linking from WorldCat database to Alibris bookseller's site.

FirstSearch subscription renewal for July 2002: Preliminary renewal information will be available in late December. Contact Donna Dixon at Nylink (800-342-3353, dixond@nylink.suny.edu) with renewal-related questions.

Electronic Collections Online renewal: Annual subscription renewal process underway; new subscription year begins January 1, 2002. No statewide trial offered this fall, but trials for prospective subscribers available upon request by contacting Donna Dixon at Nylink. Information on this e-journals service is available at <http://www2.oclc.org/oclc/fseco/index.asp>.

OCLC Web Seminars: Live Web seminars on November 30 on the following OCLC services: OCLC Contract Services (customized cataloging), OCLC ILLiad, OCLC Language Sets, OCLC Electronic Collections Online. Please see separate handout for more details.

Nylink Cooperative Purchasing Program

netLibrary:

In a statement released November 15, OCLC announced that it has offered to purchase the assets of netLibrary. This offer is subject to the approval of the bankruptcy court. For more details, please visit the Nylink Web site at http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/nL_news.htm. Nylink will disseminate more information as it becomes available.

Product trials currently underway (Subscriptions begin January 1):

- The AMICO Library (Art Museum Image Consortium)
- Lexis Nexis Current Issues Universe
- New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians II Online.

Trial participation forms, pricing and other information are available at the Nylink Web site at <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/recent.htm>.

Other current offerings of note:

- Project Muse (subscription period: January 1- December 31); trials available; complete details at http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/pmuse_intro.htm.
- Serials Solutions (subscription period: January through December); complete details at <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/sersol.htm>.

Nylink Events

Nylink Information Showcase: Thank you to SUNY librarians for attending Nylink's Information Showcase in Syracuse/Liverpool, on October 30, 2001, and helping to make it a success. Planning will begin soon for the next Information Showcase (location and date to be determined).

CDRS (Collaborative Digital Reference Service) Focus Group, October 17, 2001:

Nylink appreciates the participation of Larry Randall (OLIS/SUNYConnect) and Carla Hendrix (SUNY Plattsburgh) in a meeting led by OCLC and hosted by Nylink to discuss digital reference. For more information on CDRS, please go to <http://www.oclc.org/strategy/reference/cdrs/index.shtm>.

Nylink Annual Meeting: *Directions for the Digital Landscape*, April 29th -30th, 2002:

To be held at the historic Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, NY. We are delighted to announce that Jay Jordan, OCLC president and CEO, will be joining us to speak at dinner on the 29th and Roy Tennant, an internationally recognized expert on digital library development, will be our keynote speaker on the 30th. Albert Simmonds of OCLC's Open Names Service and others will be part of a planned panel presentation on linking technologies and their potential impact on library

services.

Basic Serials Cataloging workshop back by popular demand:

The Basic Serials Cataloging workshop (in cooperation with the CONSER Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program) will be held at Nylink in Albany, Wednesday and Thursday, April 24-25, 2002. Returning as trainers are Marguerite (Maggie) Horn, Library Systems Implementation Specialist, SUNY Office of Library and Information Services, and Everett Allgood, Serials Cataloger, New York University. In addition to the Basic Serials Cataloging workshop, plans are underway for Nylink to offer the **SCCTP Serial Holdings** workshop in the Spring of 2002 (tentatively May). Locations, dates, and other details to be determined.

5.6 OLIS – John Schumacher

SUNYConnect LMS

- Work with the next round of libraries (Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Morrisville, Onondaga, and Upstate Medical) has begun. The OLIS met with “Group2” November 9, 2001. Ex Libris, OLIS and Group2 are meeting November 16, 2001.
- Binghamton is now scheduled to “switch to production” January 2002; Buffalo – May 2002; Stony Brook – January 2002.
- The SUNYConnect LMS configuration includes areas for production and development systems. At host sites this ALEPH configuration is needed for multiple campuses. Configuration of the ALEPH software in this manner has taken longer than expected. The work has been completed at Stony Brook. Oswego’s is 90% completed. “Retro-fits” are needed at Binghamton and Buffalo. Likewise this work needs to be completed on the SUNY OLIS test/training machine.
- Conference calls with the pilot sites and Ex Libris president, Carl Grant have been held to discuss the status of the pilot site implementations.
- The Data Management Working Group is collecting sample records to be utilized in a SUNYConnect union catalog prototype.
- A special thanks to SUNY Oswego for their efforts in regards to the SUNYConnect LMS implementation. In order to take advantage of this expertise, the OLIS has arranged a 20% release time agreement with Natalie Sturr (Systems Librarian) and SUNY Oswego

SUNYConnect Databases

- The renewal process has been initiated for Gale’s Literature Resource Center and their Associations Unlimited database, as well as for ingenta’s UnCover Reveal service.
- A database survey was sent to SUNY library directors seeking information about SLiCAT-defined core databases. Responses have been received from all but eight libraries. Results of the survey will help determine future SUNYConnect database purchases.
- The OCLC - netLibrary escrow agreement is discussed at <http://www.oclc.org/news/announcements/netlibrary.shtm> On November 15, 2001 OCLC announced an offer for the purchase of netLibrary. See <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/press/20011115.shtm>

SUNYConnect Document Delivery Service

- Proposals from document delivery service providers are due at Nylink by November 26, 2001. The plan is to have the service ready during the first quarter of 2002.

SUNYConnect Briefings / Publicity

- If there are specific topics and/or ideas that you think the OLIS should consider for 2002 SUNYLA Conference presentations, please contact John Schumacher with that information.
- SUNYConnect briefing with SUNY Provost Salins – December 2, 2001 (SUNYConnect Advisory Council meeting)
- Maureen Zajkowski presented a program at the International Consortium of ALEPH Users’ Annual Meeting this October in Greece.

Mr. Carey Hatch, Assistant Provost, Office of Library and Information Services has been meeting with various state leaders regarding library initiatives involving higher educational institutions.

Carey, Ms. Mary Alice Lynch (Nylink) and several SUNY library directors participated in the NYS Regents' Forum on Enhancing the Academic and Research component of the New Century Libraries Initiative.

For additional information about SUNYConnect

<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/>

<http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/sunyerger/>

<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/sunyconnection/>

SUNY OLIS

- Ms. Clare Merrill began working at SUNY OLIS on October 11, 2001 as a System Training Specialist. Clare will work with OLIS staffer Karen Gardner-Athey to develop and present SUNY-specific training for the SUNYConnect LMS.
- SUNY OLIS offers congratulations to Ms. Cerise Oberman (SUNY Plattsburgh) on her appointment to the rank of Distinguished Librarian.

5.7 New York 3R's Organization (NYTRO) – Jeanette Smithee

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The 4th Biennial Conference for New York State Academic Library Directors, sponsored by the 3Rs Councils and the Academic and Special Libraries Section of NYLA, was held in Albany on November 6-7.

The conference was attended by over 80 participants, representing a broad spectrum of SUNY, CUNY, community college and private colleges and universities in the state. The theme of the conference was "Academic Libraries in the Political World: Strategic Partners for the 21st Century."

Dr. Jana Bradley from Syracuse University was the Keynote Speaker; her topic was "The Convergence of the Information Professions." On Wednesday morning, a panel of influential legislators and higher education leaders, including SUNY Provost Peter Salins, spoke on the need for the state's academic library community to speak with one voice and work together collegially in furthering our agenda.

The afternoon discussion centered around the changing Standards for Accreditation of the Middle States Association, and how they will affect academic libraries. The standards focus much more heavily on information literacy and on outcomes assessment, and much of the discussion focused on how campus librarians might better partner with faculty in these areas.

Later on Wednesday afternoon, many of the participants attended a special session of the Regents Public Policy Conference entitled "*New Century Libraries: Strengthening Academic and Research Initiatives.*" Again, the discussions focused on how the academic library community must work together to ensure that state legislation and funding is passed that will assist academic and research libraries.

; NYTRO met with the SUNY Council of Library Directors Executive Board

On Tuesday November 6, before the Academic Library Directors Conference began, several 3Rs Directors met with the SUNY Council of Library Directors Executive Board. It was a very useful meeting for everyone involved, covering such topics as how federal LSTA funds are used in the state and how they might be used to support academic library projects, how the 3Rs Councils might better serve academic libraries, particularly the public institutions, and how communication might be improved within the library community.

; Voluntary statewide pooling of Coordinated Collection Development Aid for purchase of electronic resource(s)

Academic libraries currently receive New York State funded "Coordinated Collection Development" program aid. Many academic libraries have asked their 3Rs if it would be possible to pool this money and use it for the purchase of electronic resources. The nine New York 3Rs Councils have discussed this option with

the State Education Department (SED), and have received their support for such a project. In regard to electronic databases, SED states: "Electronic database costs can be paid under the resource sharing program [CCDA] by an academic institution if the license permits on site use by patrons of members of the reference and research resources systems."

Approximately \$1.8 million is available under the current New York State CCDA program. If a portion of libraries wants to pool resources, a substantial amount of money would be available and participating libraries could share access to selected electronic resource(s). Participation in this arrangement will be on a completely voluntary basis.

This fall each 3Rs Council will send a survey to gauge interest and develop a list of electronic resources of interest to academic libraries in their regions. It is the intention of the 3Rs to convene a group of "academic liaisons" (at least one from each region) to help review the survey results and help select electronic resource(s) of interest. The 3Rs will then work with selected vendor or vendors on obtaining "best prices". Only at that point (Spring 2002) will a library will be asked to commit to using CCDA funding for purchase of the selected electronic resource(s) at the negotiated price.

NOTE: Under this Project as approved by State Education Department, each academic library will still receive CCDA funds directly (except in the case of SUNY and CUNY, where funds are deposited centrally), and the library will be billed their portion of the cost of the electronic resource(s) by its 3Rs (similar to the WALDO model).

; **Creating A Culture of Assessment: a two-day symposium developed by the Association of Research Libraries**

Libraries are increasingly being called upon to show the impact of their services on the purpose and intended outcomes of the parent institution or community. Customer or user-centered decision making and programming requires relevant data and information as well as an organizational bias toward continuing assessment. This workshop will investigate the main forces influencing current library goals and work environments and how these forces beg for the adoption of a new paradigm of thinking, new attitudes, and the support for structures that support assessment and evaluation as integral part of library work.

Participants will practice:

- Integrating assessment work into organizational systems and structures and everyday work activities
- Determining current and preferred future paradigms and skills to move groups toward the new paradigm
- Customer-focused data gathering

NYTRO will sponsor this seminar in various locations across the state (probably in July 2002).

6.0 New Business

6.1 CIT2002 Update – Mark Smith and Katie Loomis

- Gretchen Douglas read a letter from the Middle States Accreditation Committee stressing the importance of Information Literacy in the Curriculum
- Mark Smith stressed the importance of the opportunity the FACT committee is giving us for CIT2002. The Information Literacy track will give us the opportunity to advertise the importance of librarians to SUNY and the importance of information literacy in the SUNY Curriculum.
- Gretchen Douglas will write a letter to college presidents about the Information Literacy Track
- Katie will solicit names of people from each SUNY delegate and call the recommended persons chosen to be "invited presenters"