

Minutes of the LACUNY Executive Council Meeting
Friday, Friday, February 15, 2008
John Jay Room 610

Present:

Sarah Aponte (DSI), José Díaz (Hostos), Daisy Domínguez (CC), Lisa Ellis (Baruch), Beth Evans (BC), Maria Fernandes (QB), Lisa Finder (HC), Caroline Fuchs (GC), Ronnie Gómez (QC), Nyoki Kinyatti (YC), Jeffrey Kroessler (JJ), Songqian Lu (NYCCT), Keith Muchowski (NYCCT), Rita Ormsby (Baruch), Steve Ovadia (LG), Mark Padnos (BCC), Ellen Sexton (JJ), Betsy Tompkins (KCC), Ed Wallace (LC), Lauren Yannotta (HC)

Not represented:

BMCC; CUNY Law School, Medgar Evers, Queens Library School, Staten Island

Meeting called to order 2:39pm

Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes of November 16, 2007 meeting sent for approval via e-mail.

Jason Kramer, Executive Director of NYSHEI, spoke about advocacy initiatives for academic libraries in NY. NYSHEI member libraries include CUNY, Columbia, Cornell, NYU, NYPL, NYSL, and the Museum of Natural History. NYSHEI board of directors has 2 CUNY seats: Curtis Kendrick and Louise Sherby, a founding member. Mr. Kramer highlighted **ARIA (Academic Research Information Access), an initiative seeking \$15 million statewide appropriation for STM and Business databases**. ARIA follows the model of other states, particularly NJ, who leveraged \$6 million through an economic development committee which will increase chances that it will be approved. From an advocacy standpoint, libraries have made the mistake of tying themselves to the library world. All ARIA electronic resources will also reach small businesses in Empire Zones, Higher State Development and NYSTAR. LACUNY Delegates are asked to encourage colleagues to get involved with NYSHEI for this purpose. Sign up for newsletter. It's pressure from us that gets attention. Mr. Kramer invites us all to two upcoming events:

- **May 1, 2008 - Albany:** event on globalizing information – how academic libraries are participating in global knowledge networks with people overseas. Folks off campus interested in what libraries do. If there are enough attendees, Elsevier will rent buses to transport people to and from this meeting. Lisa will work to mobilize group for this event.
- **June 2, 2008 – Syracuse University:** The NYSHEI annual meeting will expose librarians to off campus economic world and get that world to pay attention to libraries. Policy makers and others in. Keynote speaker: first lady of NY, Mrs. Spitzer. Help keep undergraduates who come to NYS to stay here. Promoting what Gov. Spitzer calls innovation economy.

President's Report

- **Council of Chief Librarians Retreat** planned to help chiefs set a common vision, direction and strategies as well as foster team building. LACUNY representative, Lisa Ellis, and University Librarian Curtis Kendrick will attend.
- **LACUNY Dialogues**, held on January 28, 2008 was well attended (40) . Three panelists were recorded using the Audacity software. Podcast of event will be posted on blog for comments. Blog located at <http://lacuny.wordpress.com/> Contact J. Cirasella for posting. "Guidelines for LACUNY Dialogues" (see handout) approved and to be posted on website. Delegates, please solicit topics for future LACUNY Dialogues from colleagues at your campuses.
- **LACUNY Institutes Update** (see Old Business). Programs coming along fine.
 - **"Greening of Libraries"** event moved from April to Fall 2008, during Beth's presidency. This will be the 2008/2009 Institute and will mark a shift to Fall, rather than Spring, Institutes. This was conceived in part to help for membership drive.
 - March event ("The World in Your Library: International Users and International Librarians Enriching the Academic Experience") will be ticketed and cost less than thought.
 - Lisa would like to create a committee whose purpose is to find **commercial sponsorship for LACUNY events**.
 - Because LACUNY donated \$1,500 to the May event ("Information Ethics and its Applications"), it will be free to LACUNY members; possible sponsored cocktail hour.
- Thanks to LACUNY Scholarship committee who awarded the **LACUNY scholarship to Eric Pellerin** of the Graduate Center.
- Resolution to honor Founder's Day- March 17th approved. Vote will be taken via e-mail (see Addendum 1).
- **Website:** Look for a calendar for events. VPN accounts for webmasters have delayed postings.

Vice President's Report

- A report was given at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- We have spent very little. As of February 14, 2008: \$23,048.92

SUNYLA Report by Lori Gluckman-Winterfeldt, SUNY at Maritime

- Lori was not at the meeting but Lisa asked anyone interested in attending SUNY's March 14 meeting in Oneonta to let her know. LACUNY would pay for transportation costs.

Old Business

- **LACUNY Institute Series** – “The World in Your Library: International Users and International Librarians Enriching the Academic Experience” on March 14 from 9am-4:30pm at the Woody Tanger Auditorium of Brooklyn College Library. Librarians from or with experience in Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Peru and Korea will speak. Panels, poster session and lunch. Speaker to talk about Bologna Accord. By 2010, 42 European countries will standardize their credits, classes and the length of their degrees. Their undergraduate degree will be three years, with immediate implications for students coming to or going there from abroad, including United States. Good to think about how exchange programs will be impacted by this. Lisa also wants to have people talk about open source software. Impact of OLPC (One Laptop Per Child) on entire recipient family. \$40 or less for members; \$50 for non-members.

New Business

- **Appointment of Nominations Committee** to elect a New Vice-President/President-Elect and a new Treasurer in April/May. Four members being appointed and unanimously approved by the Executive Council: Sarah Aponte (DSI), Daisy Dominguez (City), Lisa Hunter (Hunter) and Ed Wallace (Lehman).
- **LACUNY Travel Grants 2008** – Grant is being renamed with an increase to 2 grants per year. Executive Council approved some wording changes and a name change to “LACUNY Grants for Professional Development”. Sent to Professional Development Committee for approval.
- Establishment of **Reserves Roundtable**

Programs

- “The World in Your Library: International Users and International Librarians Enriching the Academic Experience” on March 14 from 9am-4:30pm at the Woody Tanger Auditorium of Brooklyn College Library.
- “Rethinking Relevance – Technology and Pedagogical Points of View” on March 21 from 9:30am-12:30pm at Richard Harris Terrace (main entrance) at Borough Manhattan Community College.

Committee Reports

Instruction – Keith Muchowski submitted a budget proposal for the March 21, 2008 Instruction Committee program, “Rethinking Relevance – Technology and Pedagogical Points of View”. Up to \$2,000 approved with 2 abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Addendum 1

Resolution on LACUNY's Founders' Day

Whereas, archival records of the Library Association of the City Colleges of New York or LACCNY housed at the archives of City College indicate that the organization was founded on March 17, 1939.

Whereas, at an organizational meeting held on November 14, 1961, the Library Association of the City Colleges of New York or LACCNY changed its name to the Library Association of the City University of New York or LACUNY.

Whereas, the members of the Library Association of the City University of New York (LACUNY) are interested in uncovering information related to its history and will begin to formalize the process through which organizational records are collected and maintained by consulting with the Archivist of City College, Sydney Van Nort and the LACUNY Archives and Special Collections Roundtable.

RESOLVED...On this 15th day of February, 2008, The Executive Council of the Library Association of the City University of New York recognizes March 17th as LACUNY's Founders' Day.

Addendum 2

Member	Vote on Resolution	Date
L.Yannotta	Approve	2/18/08
J. Kroessler	Approve	2/19/08
S. Ovadia	Approve	2/19/08
J. Cirasella	Approve	2/19/08
D. Domínguez	Approve	2/19/08
C. Fuchs	Approve	2/19/08
N. Kinyatti	Approve	2/20/08
R. Gomez	Approve	2/19/08
J. Díaz	Approve	2/22/08
H. Gee	Approve	2/26/08