

# MINUTES OF THE LACUNY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, November 3, 2006

John Jay College, Conference Room

## Present:

Amanda Bielskas (BM), Michael Borries (CO), Jill Cirasella (BC), Jose Diaz (HO), Lisa Finder (HC), Ronnie Gomez (QC), Tim Hasin (SI), Mike Handis (GC), Jeffrey Kroessler (JJ), Anne Leonard (NY), Karl Madden (ME), Steven Ovardia (LG), Mark Padnos (BX), Ellen Sexton (JJ), Betsy Tompkins (KB), Ed Wallace (LE),  
Ex officio: Curtis Kendrick (CO)

## Not Represented:

Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos, CUNY Law School at Queens College, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Baruch, Bronx Community College, City College, Queensborough Community College, York.

Acceptance of agenda, with correction.

Minutes of October 6, 2006 meeting approved, with correction.

## President's Report: (L. Finder)

- Thanked everyone for their involvement with LACUNY. Proud of the volunteerism which is the LACUNY spirit. Very proud of the number of programs LACUNY has been able to offer this year, LACUNY is program heavy this year.
- Reminded delegates to attend meetings, or send alternate in their place.
- Reminded delegates to encourage their colleagues to become LACUNY members and to become involved with LACUNY.
- LACUNY Blog: <http://lacuny.cuny.edu/blog/> there is no handle on the use of it yet- more than ½ of the delegates had already looked at the blog. Small team started it, now open to all members. Ideas are welcome as to how we might increase traffic on the blog.

## Vice-President's Report: (L. Ellis)

- L. Ellis cannot be here today so there will be no Vice President's report.

## Treasurer's Report: (E. Sexton)

Balance as of November 2, 2006: \$27,608.09. Paid members to date: 125

## Programs and Workshops:

- Digital Projects within CUNY Libraries November 10<sup>th</sup> at Baruch. 35 RSVPs so far.
- *Intro to PHP*- hands on training session on dynamic pages. On:11/10/06
- *Listening to Patrons with a Hearing Disability* on 11/16/06 at Baruch.
- *December Membership Meeting* Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. ALA President Leslie Burger will speak. At NYCCT in A632 – atrium building.
- *LACUNY Dialogues: A Town Hall Meeting: 1/19/07* 10-noon. 3 participants so far, topics to be decided later.
- *Information Literacy as a Gen Ed Requirement* – at LaGuardia 3/16/07. LACUNY, LILAC + LaGuardia co-sponsoring.
- *LACUNY Institute*- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Baruch. “Technology with a Face: High Tech meets High Touch.” At Baruch. Planning committee meeting on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, call for break out presentations will go out in January or December, not all speakers are confirmed- yet.
- Multicultural Committee working on getting a writer to speak- possible date: 4/27/07.

## Committee Reports:

- **Instruction**- Getting together – have been doing presentations on the picture of instruction at each campus.
- **Emerging Technology**- Meeting at Hunter 11/17/06. Will be election- agenda to be sent out soon.
- **Legislative Action**- Sent out message to Committee on Committees – to discuss revival of Committee. Any ideas welcome, Mission Statement to be discussed, re-structuring possible.
- **Professional Development**- Held program in September (grants workshop). 5 Grants will be handed out for \$500 each; will send out announcement- applications due in February. Working on program for spring.

## **Publications:**

- **LACUNY Directory**- Updating it. Online - printed version should be ready for the Winter Membership Meeting in December.
  - **News from CUNY Libraries** – Deadline for submissions Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Articles sought for activities, publications, and presentations for new issue. Send submissions to [madams@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:madams@gc.cuny.edu)
  - **Urban Library Journal** –1<sup>st</sup> on-line edition is on its way, aiming for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Website being re-vamped. Past issues will be going up, starting with the most recent ones first. Intern is working on getting permissions for back issues so they can go up on-line.
- LACUNY Blog**- encourages use and ideas. Place for sharing the way you are doing things. Hoping it will catch on.

**Roundtables:** Just about all have met this semester.

## **University Librarian:** (C. Kendrick)

- Campaign for Student Success- focus on student success to improve achievement as measured by retention and graduation success. Each campus asked to come up with a plan for implementation. Committees set up: Changing Culture on Campus, Teaching and Learning, Assessing Campaign. Very little is mentioned in the plans about Libraries- which is worrisome. Plan to share the plans with Chief Librarians.
- CUNY has been invited to participate in the Carnegie Academy for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. University of N. Carolina and University of Colorado are other members. Libraries of these institutions should have a dialog.
- Invited to join national advisory team for- ETS- ICT Literacy Assessment – Information and Communication Technology Literacy Test. Way to shape possible future direction of test.
- Website 2006 Student experience Survey. 1000 students take it every 2 years. Libraries did well- CUNY Office of Institutional Research has back surveys posted. Central Office has looked at Libraries over time.
- Campaign for Student Success- how were Libraries mentioned? Many plans did not mention Libraries at all. Good starting point is to read the plans, start asking questions on campuses. Co-chair sub committee on Implementation and learning. Is it the flavor of the month? Doesn't feel like that- a lot of energy is going into it at a very high level. On the Provost retreat the name was questioned- some felt it implied in the past that some students were not always successful.

## **Old Business:**

Check for Katrina donation to be given to ALA president at the winter membership meeting.

## **New Business:**

- Since there are many new Executive Council Members- suggestion was made to make introductions around at the beginning of every meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 PM.

The next LACUNY Executive Council meeting will be held on Friday, February 2, 2006 at 2:30 PM at the John Jay College Conference Room (Room 610).