

# **MINUTES OF THE LACUNY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Friday, September 8, 2006**

**John Jay College, Library Conference Room**

## **Present:**

Sheila Beck (QB), Amanda Bielskas (BM), Michael Borries (CO), William Casari (HO), Lisa Ellis (BB), Lisa Finder (HC), Jane Fitzpatrick (GC), William Gibbons (CC), Ronnie Gomez (QC), Tim Hasin (SI), Louise Klusik (BB), Jeffrey Kroessler (JJ), LaRoi Lawton (BX), Anne Leonard (NY), Karl Madden (ME), Steven Ovadia (LG) Mark Padnos (BX), Roman Santillan (SI), Ina Shpilko (QC), Elizabeth Tompkins (KB), Ed Wallace (LE), Lauren Yannotta (HC)  
Ex officio: Curtis Kendrick (CO)

## **Not Represented:**

Brooklyn College, Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos, CUNY Law School at Queens College, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, York.

Acceptance of agenda.

Minutes of April 7, 2006 meeting were approved with corrections.

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

- Thanked L. Lawton for his leadership last year and the lunch which was provided.
- Vision as LACUNY President: Sees the need for increasing communication among the CUNY libraries. Wants to encourage professional growth, especially given the way academic librarianship is changing very rapidly.
- Several programs are already lined up for the fall + spring semesters.
- LACUNY Institute planning committee met in June- 14 people attended the meeting.
- Urban Library Journal should be out by the end of October
- LACUNY is a means for preventing burnout in the profession and for also stimulating professional growth.
- Urged people to volunteer for Committees- there are rewards beyond the acquisition of tenure.
- Hoping to start a book discussion program in the spring- a multicultural program.
- Herman Kline (City College) passed away. W. Gibbons said he will be missed, and that the funeral would be held tomorrow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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

Will email to everyone.

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

Treasurer not in attendance will email report to everyone. Balance as of March 10, 2006: \$33,103.16.

## **Committee Elections:**

- **Budget Committee-** L. Yannotta (member from Committee on Committees) nominated and approved- all in favor.
- S. Beck - nominated and approved- all in favor. At large member.
- R. Santillan - nominated and approved- all in favor. At large member.
- **Constitution and Bylaws Committee-** (3 year term- 2 at large members needed)
- A. Leonard – nominated and approved- all in favor.
- M. Padnos – nominated and approved – all in favor.

## **Programs and Workshops:**

- Instruction Committee and Reference Round Table sponsoring program on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at Baruch- 34 people signed up.
- PSC-CUNY Grants workshop at Baruch 2:00 Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at Baruch. Will be a great opportunity to see what other people have done.
- Archives and Special Collections Roundtable - Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Digitization within the CUNY Archives.
- December Membership meeting Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>; looking for a place to hold the meeting. Leslie Burger ALA president would like to speak- requested LACUNY make a donation to the New Orleans Public Library. 2<sup>nd</sup> idea would be to have the LACUNY grant winners speak about the Conferences they attended. Consensus was that have the ALA President speak was a great idea.
- LACUNY Institute- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Baruch. "Technology with a face: high tech meets high touch." Focus to be on improving interpersonal interactions with users. Still working on programming; Steven Bell from Philadelphia to be one Key note speaker.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Emerging Technologies:** Met in June- only 5 members showed up – were going to elect new membership – but put off – meeting will be called in October.
- **Instruction-** co-sponsoring program. Discussing additional programs- planning one for March. Program with Dr. Barefoot- designed to bring in outside instruction and Library Instruction and Information Literacy to CUNY Library Instruction. A lot of faculty interest in the program.
- **Legislative Action-** has been in a defunct phase. Maybe LACUNY can be active legislatively via other means, perhaps a restructuring is in order? PSC Library committee wanted LACUNY to be non-partisan. NYPL sends a bus up to Albany, L. Ellis feels a trip to ALBANY will make a bigger impact than one down to D.C., since CUNY's funding comes more from Albany than it does from the Federal Government. Committee is dependent on participation which hasn't been that strong. The Council was reluctant to dissolve a committee that has been so long standing, legislative action is very important; L. Lawton felt the committee should look for new blood. Perhaps other kinds of advocacy would get a better response such as working with NYPL or an email campaign of some sort. L. Ellis will step down as chair because of the lack of interest. L. Finder made a motion to put this issue to the committee on committees to consider.
- **Professional Development-** submitted funding request to Budget Committee for professional grants workshop and 5 annual awards.

## **Publications:**

- **LACUNY Directory-** get changes to L. Lawton ASAP. Wants to hand out new edition by the end of this month. Printing will include the LACUNY Constitution and Bylaws.  
*News from CUNY Libraries* – Met w/ web team in August working on a new design. Trying to get Chief Librarians to get someone to write about each Library.
- **Urban Library Journal** –Met in August- plan is to make the journal an online open access journal by the end of October. Still working on the Institute publication from 2005. M. Berger is working on the Web format; they already have articles for the spring issue. Need to get permission from past authors.
- **LACUNY Blog-** now up and running- have volunteers to be regular posters. [www.LACUNY.CUNY.edu/blog](http://www.LACUNY.CUNY.edu/blog)  
Email S. Ovardia for posting to the blog. Email will go out on CULIBS.

## **Roundtables:**

- **Cataloging-** Program on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. Columbia Librarian will be discussing FRBR.

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

- CUNY new Journalism Grad School is open
- CUNY on-line Bachelors degree is under way- Baruch College is the home library to students at that school.
- CLICS- Started in operation- there are still things that need to be worked out with it such as electronic mail notification. All campuses have LAND service except the sub-libraries at Hunter. Undergrads can now borrow from the Grad Center via CLICS. 3 week loan for students 42 day loan for faculty.
- Last winter at the Chief's meeting it was decided to put together a task force to come up with guidelines and parameters and to discuss issues around the High Schools on various CUNY Campuses. Many issues- some have students as young as 6<sup>th</sup> grade; will come up with a document so there can be a shared understanding of the issues.
- The New Contract affords Librarians advances in re-assignment leaves + eligibility for PSC CUNY Grants reassignment leave.
- In the past 2 years 8 new CUNY Chief Librarians have started- 6 new this September (several are acting).
- LACUNY can help make people aware and help prepare for management positions and Chief positions. There are many opportunities for advancement in CUNY.

## **Old Business:**

- L. Finder urged Council to urge colleagues to become LACUNY Members. Executive Council members should be the publicity hounds for LACUNY.

## **New Business:**

- Working on new Roundtables- There was not much response to the idea of an Adjunct Roundtable when notice went out.
- Co-Chairs for new LACUNY Support Staff Roundtable- have drafted a mission statement. They don't know what their membership will be- or who will be able to attend meetings. Will bring up issue at next Chief's meeting- will need their support. Co-Chairs are T. Parker (LAG) and R. Gregory (City)

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next LACUNY Executive Council meeting will be held on Friday, October 6, 2006 at 2:30 PM at the John Jay College Conference Room (Room 610).