

**Minutes of the LACUNY Executive Council Meeting
Friday, September 12, 2008
Graduate Center Room 8400**

Present:

Michael Borries (Central), Jill Cirasella (BC), Daniel Cleary (YC), Joseph Deodato (CSI), José Díaz (Hostos), Daisy Dominguez (CC), Beth Evans (BC), Maria Isabel Fernandes (QBC), Jane Fitzpatrick (GC), Harold Gee (Baruch), Ronnie Gomez (QC), Hal Grossman (HC), Jennifer King (LC), Jeffrey Kroessler (JJ), Dalia Leonardo (GC), Karen Mason (MC), Maria Molestina (QC), Rita Ormsby (Baruch), Steve Ovadia (LG), Mark Padnos (BCC), Inna Shpilko (QC), Maura Smale (NY), Amy Stempler (CSI), Junior Tidal (NY), Betsy Tompkins (KB), Chris Tuthill (Baruch), Ed Wallace (LC)

Not Represented:

BMCC; CUNY Law School, Queens Library School

Meeting called to order at 2:37pm.

Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes of April 18, 2008

President's Report

- Noted that it is a good idea for incoming **LACUNY presidents to meet with outgoing presidents.**
- All **LACUNY Chairs** should contact Steve Ovadia (sovadia@lagcc.cuny.edu) to learn how to **update their committee/roundtable events on the Google calendar** on the LACUNY homepage.
- There are plans under way to **migrate the LACUNY website**; please see "New Business" below.
- Inherited a great topic and Chairs for the upcoming **LACUNY Institute**; see more under "New Business" below.
- This year's goals:
 - Beth will work with Jane on **oral history of LACUNY librarians** in an effort to look at our roles as librarians. Mention was made that a recent ERAC meeting on e-books referenced roundtables. As a volunteer organization, **LACUNY is critical to OLS and functioning of CUNY Libraries.**
 - Continue **working with other organizations**, including New York Library Club who is interested in greening.
 - Moving along the **Friends of Library sponsorship.**
 - Interested in seeing how we can benefit financially from **opening up programs to librarians from non-CUNY libraries, charging a fee and offering continuing education credits** from the programs.
 - Advocating to **increase LACUNY membership.**

Vice President's Report

- A report on the Council of Chiefs meeting given.

Treasurer's Report

- Reminder of new dues; full members at \$30 and associated members at \$15. Discussion of lowering rates for adjuncts. **LACUNY Executive Council Delegates should poll adjuncts at their campuses and get back to Beth Evans** since this would involve a change in ByLaws.
- Getting **LACUNY officers' signatures for bank.**
- Looking into **linking with savings account** in order to collect some **interest.**
- Looking into setting up online banking from desktop.
- **Budget Committee will meet today** immediately after Executive Council meeting.
- **Closing balance** as of August 26, 2008: **\$13,920.53.**

Standing Committee Changes & Elections

- **Committee on Committees:** As current Past President, **Lisa Ellis** replaces Lisa Finder as Chair; as current Vice President, **Jane Fitzpatrick** replaces Beth Evans; and Beth Evans will check ByLaws to see whether or not **Betsy Tompkins** can stay on since she is currently LACUNY Treasurer.
- **Budget Committee:** As current President, **Beth Evans** replaces Lisa Ellis; As Treasurer, **Betsy Tompkins** replaces Ellen Sexton as Chair; Executive Council voted to replace Sheila Beck, whose term expired, with **Joseph Deodato (2008/2010)**; Committee on Committees voted to replace Lauren Yannotta, whose term expired, with **Karen Mason** of the Committee on Committees **(2008/2010)**; **Harold Gee (2007/2009)** remains.
- Constitution and ByLaws Committee: As current Vice President, **Jane Fitzpatrick** replaces Beth Evans as Chair.

Old Business

- Rita Ormsby distributed material on the Investment Education Grant, a \$50 million grant intended to help students and young graduates to ask questions about their financial future. Visit **www.DollarsFromSense.com**

Programs

- LACUNY Institute: **Greening Libraries → Greener Communities** – Friday, October 31, 2008 9am-4:30pm at Bronx Library Center. Keynote speaker: Majora Carter; no registration fee; \$12 lunch fee expected. Full line up with 15 speakers/panelists. Planning poster session that will stay on past event. Registration will open on October 1.

Committee Reports and Announcements

- **Collection Development:** Will meet once a semester; no program planned.
- **Emerging Technologies:** July open source event was successful with 40 attendees both in and outside LACUNY. Will meet this fall to discuss Firefox plug-ins
- **Legislative Action:** Lisa Ellis stepping down and looking for a new chair; suggests fruitful area of engagement would be with Jason Kramer at NYSHEI.
- **Instruction Committee:** meets three times a year. Next meeting Monday, September 22 at Baruch. Last event on "Rethinking Relevance" was successful with 77 attendees both in and outside of LACUNY. Co-chairs Robert Farrell and Keith Muchowski extend their thanks to all.
- **Professional Development:** Linda Roccas stepping down as co-chair; Anne Leonard looking for new co-chair; new members welcome; PSC-CUNY grant program planned for 9/18/08).
- **Publications:**
 - *News from CUNY Libraries* – submissions for Winter/Spring 2009 issue are due Sept. 15.
 - *Urban Library Journal* – Very successful guest edited issue.

Roundtable Reports and Announcements

- **Archives:** Julio Delgado (Hunter) elected as Chair. Minutes of last meeting to go up.
- **Acquisitions:** new co-chairs are Cecilia Salber (KCC) and Maria Kiriakova (JJ) and they are likely to meet in November.
- **Cataloging:** Angela Sidman (GC) and Ewa Dzurak (SI) co-chairs planning program in the fall.
- **Disability Services:** planning a visit to the NYPL Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Library in the spring.
- **ILL:** meeting in the fall.
- **Multicultural:** planning spring program on communication and multi-language challenges of students and staff.
- **Proposal** for a **Junior Faculty Research Roundtable** approved by the Executive Council. This roundtable has met twice with 14-19 attendees. Its e-mail list has 28

members. Participants form research pacts and discuss publishing. Election of co-chairs to be held in October meeting.

- **Multicultural and Diversity:** November 20 tour of Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter.
- **Multimedia:** co-chairs scheduling a meeting for the fall.
- **Reference:** will be meeting with president to discuss direction of the committee.
- **Reserves:** September 26 meeting at John Jay Conference Room.

New Business

- LACUNY website:
 - **Chairs are responsible for having their webpages updated** by contacting your corresponding web team member on the following website: <http://lacuny.cuny.edu/webteam/>
 - Having the website on the LACUNY server slows things down. We are limited due to passwords, no content management system. **Migration of LACUNY website would cost \$195 for the first year and \$96 for the years 2-10.** Budget Committee will decide on this at their meeting.
- **Fundraiser:** Geraldine Hebert and Tess Tobin, co-chairs of the Multicultural and Diversity Roundtable proposed a group purchase of tickets to the **Classical Theatre of Harlem**. Beth Evans suggested that tickets be sold to earn some profit and make the sale a fund raiser. Michael Borries suggested contacting CUNY counsel to determine if LACUNY is permitted to do fund-raising. If fundraiser is not advisable, the Roundtable can stick with the original plan and get discounted tickets to this event.
- Proposal to present a "**Service to LACUNY by a Non-Librarian**" award at Institutes in light of Majora Carter's generous foregoing of speaking fee for the Greening of Libraries LACUNY Institute this fall.
- This proposal prompted the proposal that the **Scholarship Committee be renamed the Scholarship and Awards Committee** which would decide on LACUNY Scholarship as well as the Service to LACUNY by a Non-Librarian Award which was **unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.