

CUNY Council of Chief Librarians

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April 3, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Attendance: Lon Mendelsohn(CCNY), Mary Mallery(BC), Kristin Hart(OLS), Michael Waldman(Baruch), Judith Schwartz(MEC), Amy Stempler(CSI), Simone Yearwood(QC), Kenneth Schlesinger(Lehman), Anne Leonard(NYCCT), Maura Smale(GC), Silvia Lin Hanick(LAGCC), Sharell Walker(LILAC), Michael Hughes(OLS), Wilma Jones, Ann Fiddler(OLS), Carlos Arguelles(KBCC), Derek Stadler(LAGCC), Madeline Ford(Hostos), Mary Godfrey-Rickards(Law), Njoki Kinyatti(York), Meagan Lacey(Guttman), Kathleen Dreyer(BMCC), Constance Williams(QBCC).

Meeting called order time: 10:07AM

OLS Updates

Judith Schwartz added more files to the job bank folder on Teams as well as Google Docs. If anyone has more jobs to add, please reach out.

Lehman received approval to hire head of tech services which was -prioritized by Provost.

Emily Drabinski of GC was hired as faculty at GSLIS for the Fall semester. Emily will be the new CCL Liaison for GSLIS.

GC hired new Electronic Resources librarian that starts May 1.

Central Office is moving ahead with rehiring for Megan Wacha's position.

Medgar submitted 3 positions to VRB.

Realignment for OLS is still ongoing. OLS may end up within the Office of Academic Innovation or the new Office of Academic Technology which is being led by Vivek. OLS is currently part of Finance and Planning.

People were optimistic about the City and State Budget hearings.

City budget reps had questions about library hours and Hart responded to the

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Hart pointed out that:

- we're trying to restore hours after re-opening.
- _____ CUNY Libraries are open to all students
- _____ Highlighted Eduroam's role
- _____ Shared the hours CCL reported

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~~VRB~~ → We need to be budget neutral=same cost as previous incumbent. ~~VRB~~ is loosening up.

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Hart is presenting to CAO On April 19 and is working to make repository of academic policies. A records manager was hired with Hart's input and they started this week.

Eduroam is almost fully integrated, and, CIS is looking for data/feedback from libraries.

Hart called for Social Media campaign participation. MEC, BCC- and Lehman have already expressed interest. Campuses should let Hart know if interested.

Itaka S+R Strategic planning cohort: GC, HC, CSI, Host, BMCC which is being funded by Central Office for first round.

ELD contract being worked on to be settled by July 1. ~~We're~~We are moving to 4 days for cost increase avoidance. Which day should be off day? Wednesday seems strategic.

Life with ALMA tour continues. Last visit was to Baruch.

Hart is convening CUNY Academic Works group this month to:
Identify shortfalls and places of need.
Develop workflows for student theses and dissertation has issues.

Digital Commons offers the group a lot of support.

We have another repository extension.

OLS committees

Goal of the strategic plan was to evaluate committees, so they work better for us.

Not all groups listed as committees are committees
some groups are really working groups
some groups are task forces
some groups are interest groups.

Desire to create affinity groups for items such as:
archives
system issues
collection development

Goal is to choose membership over summer with issuance of revised list of committees.

Central needs to better keep track of committee membership.

LILAC is not an OLS committee.

CCL administration issues will be discussed at the May meeting.

Some issues to be discussed are:

Sharing information
Engaging PSC Library Faculty Committee

Campuses should propose topics of discussion for May meeting

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Circulation task force met and there's a channel in Teams for all to participate.

The task force would like to:

- establish a policy framework
- eliminate all fines and fees except replacement costs
- establish unlimited renewals
- research the best initial loan period

Task force will meet again later in April.

Some other Circulation task force topics:

- library doesn't get fines and fees funds
- how recalls should be handled
- Schwartz: Can we say one collection is exempt from unlimited renewals?
- Maybe put them on reserve? Is it possible to make collections that have different loan policies?

Hart: Different rules at each campus are hard for OLS to keep track of. We may need ~~different~~several types of reserve loan periods.

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Stempler: Will there be technology and- book loan distinctions?

Dreyer: BMCC is losing equipment. Admin is not providing replacement funds but would like the program to continue.

ALMA doesn't report how much of Circulation is reserves. OLS can't readily find this information

Wilma Jones' presentation

Antiracism immersion program for librarians is a two-week program Should be planned to be over this summer.

Diversity Audit for CUNY using Fall 2021 IPEDS Data.
- Journalism, Labor studies and SPS not included.

What is the optimal librarian-to-student ratio?
How well is CUNY displaying culturally sensitive diversity?

Hart: the available librarian market is not diverse.

Hart will share data from this presentation.

Michael Hughes presentation

Coordinated collection Development Task force update from November 2022

Task Force has 2 major tasks:

- Reviewing collection development policies.
- Began looking at monograph collections to compile a report to determine which books should be committed for retention.

Hughes would like to form a CUNYwide collection development committee to implement the findings of the collection task force. And actively work on deduplication of the collection.

OLS is working on one of the strategic plan goals: Universal Access to digital collections.

Concerns:

Hart: Maybe senior colleges need to commit to retention?

How might budget cuts impact policies on collections? Has it been considered?

Senior and Community Colleges should be treated separately for this process.

How might reference books be handled?

Some colleges have specific book purchasing requests for online classes.

OLS is purchasing DEI Universal collection as 3x multiplier with unlimited access.

Sharell Walker, LILAC

There will be a June 9 event at Guttman.

Maura Smale, DEI

no update yet though still looking for town hall participants.

Derek Stadler, LACUNY

Event registration underway.

Hart to reach out to SUNY about their representation on CCL.

About Cleared4

Hart to gather info about Cleared4

Budget cuts:

BC

Cuts will impact CAs and digital collections.

BMCC

OTPS was already cut to the bone and there was no proposed cut.

York

Extent of cut unknown ~~so far~~ so far

Only received \$5k for collection development.

Queens

No pushback on submitted draft.

Is student tech fee cut for libraries in the bylaws? Where might these be codified?