

**CUNY Council of Chief Librarians
Minutes**

March 13, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Attending: Carlos Aguelles (KBCC), Michael Hughes (ERAC), Derek Stadler (LACUNY), Madeline Ford (HCC), Connie Williams (QBCC), Kristin Hart (OLS), Ellen Sexton (JJ), Karen Okamoto (JJ), Sharell Walker (LILAC), Michael Miller (BCC), Silvia Lin-Hanick (LAGCC), Njoki Kinyatti (York), Kenneth Schlesinger (Lehman), Andrew McKinney (OLS), Maura Smale (GC), Amy Stempler (CSI), Judith Schwartz (MEC), Michael Waldman (Baruch), Simone Yearwood (QC), Meagan Lacy (Guttman), Douglas Cox (Law), Mary Mallery (BC), Kathleen Dreyer (BMCC), Ian McDermott (LAGCC), Derek Stadler (LAGCC), Ann Fiddler (OLS), Allie Verbovetskaya (OLS), Great Earnest (SUNY), Lon Mendelsohn (City College), Anne Leonard (NYCCT), Barbara Gray (Journalism), Ann Fiddler (OLS), Mary Godfrey-Rickards (Law), John Pell (Hunter), Lisa Larson (LYRASIS), Teddy Gray (LYRASIS), and Mario Ramirez.

Excused: James Lowry (GSLIS).

1. Call to Order 10:02am
2. Approval of December 12, 2022, minutes – 3 min. Approved

WELCOME

Mary Godfrey-Rickards and Douglas Cox are stepping in for Law for Raquel Gabriel who is due back end of June.

Michael Waldman representing Baruch and Art Downing is stepping down as Chief at the end of the semester.

Mario Ramirez will be new chief at City College.

OAA updates

OAA reorganization was announced in February 2023 shortly after Donna Linderman's departure.

OLS is not reporting to Bob Maruca anymore but it is unclear who we will report to.

Hart met with Wendy Hensel and was offered the opportunity to present the OLS Strategic Plan to Academic Council and will highlight that the campus libraries were asked to do a Strategic Plan of their own.

CUNY Online is a new OAA department—details and definition of this new department is unknown.

Miller moved to revisit the CCL realignment and proposes to discuss it at the April meeting. The proposal for the new CCL organization should be made available.

Transfer Initiative
VRB was re-initiated.

EVH Hensel is frustrated by how things are not going through right now. Apparently, there is a specific way positions to be framed to increase chances of VRB approval. Schlesinger was told he was submitting too many positions for review and is going to lose candidates because things were put on hold.

Megan Wacha is gone and now we have a vacancy. Hart is working through how to frame the position for re-hire.

Academic Works Coordinators will work on more items in Megan's absence. CCL Chiefs are encouraged to support local Academic Works Coordinators.

Smale: I can also volunteer my colleague Jill Cirasella who's our Schol Comm Librarian to answer Academic Works questions if folks want to send their faculty to her: jcirasella@gc.cuny.edu

BePress contract expires in June 2023. What's the future of the platform? Can it be extended again? How can we support ScholComm?

Empire Delivery is expected to increase by 30%. SUNY is turning cost increases over to the campuses. How can CUNY keep this going? Do we have to go down to 4 days? Decision must be made by end of March 2023.

Michael Hughes

Proquest COUTTS New York State contract expired February 2023 and NYS refused another extension. Hughes will let everyone know when orders can be placed again.

Hughes is working with Gale. Please report problems to Michael Hughes.

ERAC met and no decisions have been made just yet but are being discussed.

Alevtina Verbovetskaya made a presentation that she will also share via e-mail. The [presentation](#) is in the CCL Team. Smale inquired if it were possible to separate out technology and missing fines from books.

Members agreed that it would be nice to know how the fines were treated at each of the schools. What became of the fines proposal?

Hart proposes to form a Fines Task Force to:

- focus on creating a consistent experience across the campuses
- explore how fines and their collection impact students across the campuses
- work on a document to present to the board

Mark McBride, Ithaka

Has a proposal for CUNY regarding strategic alignment.

The proposal includes a methodology believed to work in engaging with executive leadership.

A cohort of 5 CUNY Schools should participate in the strategic alignment plan—a good mixture of senior and community colleges.

A copy of Mark's presentation will be made available on Teams.

Some concerns were:

- How can libraries align with one another?
- How can primary goals for campus libraries, OLS and the Administration be layered or aligned?
- How does strategic alignment look or how might it be impacted by the high turn-around of campus leadership?
- How does Academic Program Review fit into strategic planning and alignment?
 - Mallery: Brooklyn College Library/AIT completed our Self-Study Program Review in 2019 and we are working on updating our Strategic Plan currently. For Self-Study Report, see: <https://libguides.brooklyn.cuny.edu/selfstudy2019>
 - Hanick: LaGuardia's Program Review was submitted in July 2021.

Some ideas were:

- Strategic planning should include faculty scholarship, ScholComm and the repository.
- Strategic planning has the potential to further define the new role of CCL and expound upon how OLS may further support campus libraries.
- Strategic alignment can help identify priorities.

Hart will reach out to chiefs about participating in the Ithaka proposal.

Lyrasis Leadership Circle - Lisa & Teddy

CUNY has a Lyrasis Leadership Circle membership with 10 seats connected WALDO ending operations.

Lyrasis is the result of 3 merged companies with 1000 members.

85% of members are academic libraries.

Lyrasis is global.

Leadership Circle formed in 2017 to promote engagement with leadership through fostering networking between “out-of-network” peer groups. Such engagement allowed Lyrasis to discover unmet needs among their constituents and out of this grew the Catalyst Fund.

The Catalyst Fund makes \$150K available annually for innovative projects that are usable, scalable and address shared problems.

- Hart and McKinney submitted a proposal

Lyrasis helps with grant proposals for The Catalyst Fund which opens again January/February 2024

Lyrasis Leadership Circle has minimal obligations. some and offers asynchronous participation. While you can choose your level of engagement, more engagement is better for the whole.

Lyrasis Learning is available for all staff with a subscription/annual cost.

Lyrasis is also concerned about repository issues.
Lyrasis is currently making infrastructure changes.

Hart would like to provide a list of participants fairly soon.

Committee Updates

Assessment (Stadler)

- May 11& 12 Event on Zoom

DEI Task force (Smale)

- Second year of mentoring initiative—all are welcome to join.
- Week of June 12 Town Hall with LACUNY
- Expecting questions for CCL and is looking for chiefs to serve as panelists
- CUNY Libraries Diversity statement, needs to be updated
- Would like to talk about the Anti-Racism program being worked on by with Curtis Kendrick, Kristin Hart, Wilma Jones and Consuella Askew
 - Hart will send info to Teams

LILAC

Hanick: on behalf of co-chairs, Sharell Walker and Ian McDermott

- Upcoming LILAC meetings will be held on 3/14, 4/11, and 5/9. Currently LILAC meetings will continue remotely until further notice.
- LILAC is currently planning a spring training around the topic of “one-shot alternatives”. The training is being planned as an in-person event with virtual options. June 9 is the proposed date, to be held at Guttman. Many thanks to Meaghan Lacy for accommodating.
- LILAC members are planning to review library instruction materials previously submitted for inclusion in a search/discovery platform TBD. Current review is to identify materials that are OER for possible inclusion in OpenEd CUNY.

Open Discussion

Ellen Sexton is interim Chief. A search opened for the chief position already. There will be an April 14 at 4pm event at John Jay to honor Jeffrey Kroessler.

Hughes will present at the April CCL meeting about CUNY Collections.

EVC Hensel is hoping to provide guidelines for proposing hires

Faculty hiring may not be under the subjugation of VRB—specifically lecturers. We should continue to share our experiences with the VRB.

College assistants must be reviewed by VRB.

BCC posted OER position and outreach position. Both were stalled. Miller was told older approved hires are not subject to VRB approval.

QUEENS signed written offers before February 3 and they were not subject to VRB approval. Only 4 approved searches on campus so far with some resubmissions required

Hensel says positive impact of hires in terms of university goals like student success & achievement and negative impact of not hiring should be highlighted in the position proposal.

Wendy Hensel, Hector Batista, Doriane K. Gloria and Christina Chiappa are on VRB board at Central

York was directed to go ahead with their searches.

Lehman was asked to submit staffing plans and has borrowed a template from another institution

Hart to share a roadmap of CUNY achievements.

Hector Batista spoke at UFS meeting. At this meeting, the unfairness of cuts (not being seen at CUNY Central) was mentioned. It was hinted that there are too many faculty at campuses.

What is the time frame for VRB? Hart to investigate.

The committee requested to see an example of a successful VRB application.

Hart will:

Call out for members to participate in Ithaca Cohort, for members of a fines and fees task force and for Lyrasis Leadership Circle.

Meeting ended at 12:06 PM.