

LACUNY Scholarly Communications Roundtable (SCRT) Meeting Notes

Friday January 23, 2015

2-4pm

John Jay Library Conference Room

Present: Madeline Cohen (Lehman), Lisa Finder (Hunter), Janice Dunham (John Jay), Ann Matsuuchi (LaGuardia), Monica Berger (NYCCT), Jill Cirasella (GC), Megan Wacha (OLS) Nancy Foasberg (Queens), Jean Amaral (BMCC), Karen Okamoto (JJ)

Intro/go-around

Attendees updated everyone on open access initiatives on their campus. BMCC and NYCCT are starting open educational resource (OERs) initiatives on their campuses using library textbook funding. Lehman is working on their institutional repository (IR). The Grad Center is digitizing more of their dissertations (11,000) and has recently made available 200 reports from the Computer Science department. LaGuardia is offering seminars on OERs.

A warm welcome to Megan Wacha, the new CUNY Scholarly Communications Librarian

Megan introduced herself during the go-around and shared her current work plans and projects. At this stage, Megan is visiting campuses and gathering information about the unique IR needs on each campus. Megan and Greg Gosselin are also organizing an IR roadshow for each campus. They are going to have an IR kick-off event on March 11th in the afternoon and March 12th in the morning with speakers from SUNY, bepress, along with Jill Cirasella. The kick off events will be open to everyone.

IR event planning

Date: Fri Feb 20, 3-5pm

Location: GC room 9205

Speakers: Jill Cirasella and Megan Wacha (Greg Gosselin will be absent)

We discussed the agenda/schedule for the event. Jill said she will need about 30 minutes for her presentation. We will leave 30 minutes at the end for informal discussions. Megan will talk about the contract. Jean and Karen will facilitate the event and send an announcement soon. We'll also encourage attendees to join SCRT.

Alt-metrics event planning

We originally planned to invite Marta Bladek (JJ) and Meg Smith (NYU) to speak at a spring alt-metrics event, but the John Jay Office for the Advancement of Research (OAR) invited Marta to do a similar presentation at JJ this spring semester. OAR is open to a co-sponsorship with SCRT. We discussed whether SCRT would like to work with OAR. Everyone agreed that OAR's support would be beneficial. They have the staff and resources to coordinate a larger event that will reach a broader audience i.e. CUNY teaching faculty. OAR welcomed suggestions for additional speakers. We will forward Meg Smith's name and Stacy Konkiel's name. Stacy spoke at a webinar in the fall which Madeline Cohen attended. Marta will be meeting with OAR soon to start planning for the event. The date is yet to be determined. Monica Berger requested that traditional metrics also be covered at the workshop.

Discussion: Should we rename the LACUNY Scholarly Communications Roundtable to avoid confusion with the OLS Scholarly Communications Committee?

Megan asked if people have confused the LACUNY Cataloging Roundtable with the OLS Cataloging Committee. Some have been confused, but SCRT decided to keep our name for now provided that we always add "LACUNY" to the beginning of our name.

Announcements

- We had a lively and informal discussion during the announcement period about predatory publishing, engaging faculty on OA issues, and our local experiences with IRs.
- Jessie Daniels and Polly Thistlethwaite invites the committee to write an entry for the JustPublics@365 blog: <http://justpublics365.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>