

CUNY Council of Chief Librarians

Minutes

May 8, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendance: Kristin Hart (OLS), Madeline Ford (HO), Maura Smale (GC), Mario Ramirez (CCNY), Mary Godfrey-Rickards (Law), Alevtina Mary Mallery (BC), Meagan Lacey (GCC), Michael Hughes (OLS), Michael Miller (BCC), Michael Waldman (Baruch), Njoki Kinyatti (York), Silvia Lin Hanick (LGCC), Simone Yearwood (QCC), Jason Przybylski (ITHAKA), Rebecca Seger (ITHAKA), Amy Stempler (CSI), Andrew McKinney (OLS), Ann Fiddler (OLS), Anne Leonard (NYCCT), Carlos Arguelles (KCC), Annie Tummino (QC), Constance Williams (QCC), Derek Stadler (LGCC), Ellen Sexton (JJ), Ian McDermott (LGCC), John Pell (Hunter), Judith Schwartz (MEC), Kenneth Schlesinger (Lehman).

Call to order 10:08AM.

Announcements

Ellen Sexton starts at John Jay as chief librarian and Michael Waldman starts at Baruch as interim chief librarian on June 1. Simone Yearwood is becoming interim Dean of Arts and Sciences at Queens.

Updates to OLS Structure

1. Sixteen OLS Committees are being adjusted to align with OLS goals.
 - a. These changes are outlined in an accompanying document and are proposed to go into effect next year.
2. OLS is rebuilding a new support site and will reach out to chiefs about committee membership.
3. Some clarity is needed around where LILAC stands in the committee list.
 - a. Also, how does the Archives Committee align with LACUNY?
4. Archives Committee will execute practices and CUNY Digital History Archive may be undertaken by the Archives Committee
5. A group of Archivists are working on a \$2 million Mellon grant proposal to build CUNY Central Archives—a project that involves both a University Archivist and an Outreach Archivist.

JSTOR (New Deal)

1. Creates CUNY-wide access to JSTOR Collections and Portico
 - a. This is an extension of the level of access CUNY possessed during the pandemic.
 - b. Campuses will no longer need to pay for access.

2. Documents from Rebecca Seger and Jason Przybylski are [available](#)
3. Annie Tuminno
 - a. JSTOR software easy to start-up/ low barrier for entry
 - i. Helps colleges add items they have already digitized, adds ease to sharing collections, has a usage statistics dashboard
 - ii. Portico supports digitized archives/preservation.
 - iii. Portico can help free up time to create and publish collections.
4. CUNY will generate more content for JSTOR.
5. Part of the harvesting services is tech support.
 - a. JSTOR can do feasibility checks to correctly pair platforms with harvesting methods and has the flexibility to make adjustments to accommodate various platforms.
6. JSTOR 's audio and video services are works in progress, however, Portico currently supports video and audio.
7. CUNY has a three-year contract that will eventually need to be renewed with confidence that the relationship between JSTOR and CUNY will continue.
8. JSTOR will work closely with the Archives Committee

CCL/Campus expectations from OLS

BCC: Marketing and essential information sources from OLS to support marketing efforts.

Advocacy for collections, staffing, budget from central office. We need to present a profile of the collective needs of libraries that speaks to what all libraries should be at each campus and present that as a standard to campus administrations.

Baruch: Central Office advocacy for libraries and help talking to Provosts.

Lehman: Advocacy. Organize to speak with a unified voice with Hart as representative. More outreach and advocacy for hiring in the libraries. More discussions around best practices and brainstorming. More of a voice in assembling the CCL agenda. *Hart later agreed to solicit for CCL meeting agenda items more in advance.*

MEC: Advocacy. There are new administrators at many campuses. Where do Chief Librarians fit with a campus organization chart? Librarian lines were lost at MEC because they expired/timed-out. Additional help with staffing is needed.

CCNY: What power does CCL have? At CCNY, Chief Librarian is no longer part of the president's cabinet. There is a need to demonstrate library relevance and show how issues faced at the library have a ripple-effect that amplifies CUNY-wide issues. Libraries need a seat at the central administration's table to discuss these types of issues.

BC: It's important for Hart to speak to Provosts and for more collaborative work to be done.

GC: Additional focus on access across the system and universal student access and experience which may help address other issues like retention on the CUNY-wide level.

Hunter: How do libraries and CCL fit into CUNY governance?

QCC: Filling library positions is not a priority for administration.

CSI: Students go to libraries to interact with people and with library staff being so often on premises, they end up handling a lot of questions regarding non-library issues. Provost has requested a tally of non-library issues handled by library staff.

Miller distributed the link for the CCL handbook [libguide](#)

Fines and fees update

Smale and Dreyer are working on a proposal that will be shared when ready.

DEI task force

June 13 there will be a chief librarian town hall meeting. Anonymous question submission will be allowed. The mentoring program is a success—currently wrapping up and information will be shared.

Coordinated Collection Development

Print monograph retention task force is working on how to best use ALMA for the group's efforts.

OER

Working on RFP. Encouraging more content creation.

Scholarly Communications Librarian

Hart is working on filling the position.

LACUNY

Holding elections.

Staffing

BCC—onboarding Open Education Resources Librarian.

GC—ERM librarian was onboarded last week.

Adjourned 12:00PM.