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## MINUTES OF THE LACUNY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, September 7, 2007  
John Jay College, Conference Room

### **Present:**

Michael Borries (Central Office), Jonathan Cope (SI), José Díaz (HCC), Daisy Dominguez (CC), Lisa Ellis (BB), Beth Evans (BC), Maria I. Fernandes (QCC), Lisa Finder (HC), Caroline Fuchs (GC), Harold Gee (BB), Ronnie Gomez (QC), Curtis Kendrick (University Librarian), Njoki Kinyatti (YC), Jeff Kroessler (JJ), Anne Leonard (NY), Karen Mason (ME), Steven Ovadia (LG), Ellen Sexton (JJ), Betsy Tompkins (KB), Ed Wallace (LE), Lauren Yannotta (HC)

### **Not Represented:**

BMCC, Bronx, CUNY Law School, Queens Library School

Acceptance of agenda.

Minutes of April 13, 2007 meeting approved. Later amended with approval via e-mail by delegates.

### **President's Report:** (L. Ellis)

- Valeda Dent took a position at Rutgers. Brian Lym was appointed Co-Editor (with Lauren Yannotta) of ***Urban Library Journal***.
- LACUNY delegates should begin the **membership drive**. Lisa will post a message on CULIBS as well. Preferable to join or renew in fall semester rather than spring for the Institute. Payment is now even easier using Pay Pal.
- **Recruitment of new participants to existing web** team (S. Ovadia, J. Tidal, L. Roccas). All you need are basic HTML skills. Committees would have more control over their content if they took on the updating of their webpage. Someone suggested having a LACUNY intern work on this. As Secretary, Daisy Dominguez will post Executive Board Minutes and delegate information.

### **Treasurer's Report:** (E. Sexton)

- There is an overall concern over the **LACUNY budget**. A few years, our budget was \$34,000; this year, it is \$20,750. The LACUNY Institute, once a money maker, is now costing us money. We may need to revisit payment for programs.
- All **memberships** have lapsed. Proposal to give blank LACUNY cards to delegates so that those who have renewed their membership will receive their receipt of payment quicker is accepted.

### **Committee Elections**

- Karen Mason of Medgar Evers and Betsy Tompkins of Kingsborough were elected to serve on the **Committee on Committees** (2007-2009). They join Anne Leonard of NYCT and Laren Yannotta of Hunter. This committee oversees the functioning of all standing committees.
- Harold Gee of Baruch was elected by the EC to the **Budget Committee** (2007-2009) and we will hear back as to whether Lauren Yannotta of Hunter will serve (2007-2008); a vote must be taken by the Committee on Committees.
- Michael Borries of the Central Office was elected to the **Constitution and By-Laws Committee** (2007-2010).

### **Programs and Workshops:**

- **Reference Roundtable** Fall Event: September 28, 2-4pm, LaGuardia, Room E-500 135, still in planning stages.
- **Professional Development Committee's** PSC-CUNY Grants Workshop: September 20, 10am-Noon, Baruch Library Conference Room # 415. Presentation will discuss what leads to successful

grant proposals. The Committee is interested in attracting new members. 4 \$500 professional development grants will be awarded for travel to library-related conferences or meetings to take place after March 1. Given the LACUNY budgetary concerns, the Treasurer suggested that the Budget Committee discuss whether these scholarships and the library school scholarships are sustainable.

- **December Membership Meeting:** December 14 – History of LACUNY with slideshow by LaRoi Lawton. Pat Young will be honored with a plaque and lifetime membership. Pat was here since 1979. Considering Hunter School of Social Work as a venue.
- **LACUNY Institute:** May 16, 2008, Baruch. Planning meeting is scheduled for September 12, 10am-Noon at Baruch Library Conference Room # 415.
- **Emerging Technologies Committee** event on open source and Ubuntu with speaker Dave Shields, still in planning stages. Scheduled for November 16 10am-Noon. Looking into John Jay as venue.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Emerging Technologies** has no report on meetings, just program (see Programs and Workshops above).
- **Instruction:** Meeting dates are 10/12, 12/14 and 4/12. Co-chairs, R. Farrell & K. Muchowski are working on 3/21 Information Literacy event to be planned and co-sponsored by LACUNY.
- **Legislative Action** will sponsor the NYSHEI ARIA (Academic Research Information Access) in October/November. Louise Sherby recommends that we take advantage of this resource. J. Kramer is interested in presenting at this event. There was some discussion about how LACUNY could become more involved in advocacy that will benefit academic libraries.
- **Publications**
  - **LACUNY Directory:** There was discussion about whether or not we should continue to publish the Directory in print. Some members might join in order to get the print Directory but the majority felt that it was more environmentally sound to have it available online in .pdf format so that only those members who need to have it in print will print it out.
  - **Urban Library Journal:** Now distributed online. Beth and Martha have obtained permission from past authors to have articles scanned and go online.
- Lisa E. asked committees to please let her know in advance about any expenses.

### **University Librarian's Report:** (C. Kendrick)

- **Project Sesame** is an initiative brought to CUNY by LIU's Palmer School of Library Science, which received an IMLS grant which, in part, involves Palmer students working as interns in CUNY libraries starting in January 2008. They will be digitizing Special Collections and Archives material. Someone posed questions about having such a program with an outside private institution and about the costs involved in such an endeavor. This initiative was brought to CUNY by the Palmer School but this relationship is not exclusive; Queens College library students may also be interns and work on similar projects within the CUNY Libraries system. This is a voluntary initiative; there will be discussion at the Chief Librarians' meeting to see who is interested in participating.
- **Pat Young's Retirement** A recruitment for Pat's successor is underway. It may be a long process so we should be patient but also let Curtis know if any related issues should come up.
- The new **Digital Resources Coordinator** is Sunny Yoon. She is already working on an institutional repository for CUNY which would include an electronic reserves management system and indicate who subscribes to what resource. This would be funded through Enterprise and the CUNY IT Steering Committee. It has evolved beyond a student technology initiative so we are opening up to CUNY to see about funding and are hoping it will come through later this year. CUNY Libraries collectively spend \$7 million on electronic resources.
- Teresa McMannis of BCC spearheaded a **CUNY Collaborative research grant on information literacy**. It involves the Educational Testing Service and will be used to test student ICT skills. 8-9 campuses are signed up for this grant.

### **Roundtables:**

- **Multicultural and Diversity** will have a literacy program this fall. IFLA will be in Quebec City this year.
- **Reference** will have an event later this month (see Programs and Workshops above).

### **Old Business:**

- Anne Leonard will look into e-mails regarding the **Statement of Support of Equity for Library Faculty** (as comparable to SUNYLA)

### **New Business:**

- Tony Doyle has proposed that LACUNY co-sponsor, along with Hunter Library, the **2008 Information Ethics Roundtable** with a contribution of \$500. There was some discussion as to the need for a budget (considering that admission to the event is free) and having the event combined with either the Spring Membership Meeting or with the Institute. This was put to a vote and all agreed except for 2 abstentions. Tony will be asked for a budget and whether the Roundtable would be interested in combining its event with a LACUNY.
- **Pat's Retirement:** It was decided that Pat will receive a lifetime membership.
- **Scholarship Committee:** There was some discussion about succession for this committee and the fact that it might require a change in the By Laws. It was decided that it would be a subcommittee of Executive Council. The Council voted on the following people as part of the Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee: Jonathan Cope of CSI; Maria Isabel Fernandes of QCC; and Caroline Fuchs of the GC.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:31PM.