

Educational Services Advisory Committee Minutes

1/6/2020, 10:00am

Online via Zoom

Present: Megan Benson (BU); Amanda Calabrese (SUNY Delhi); Brian Lee (4CLS); Jessica Philippe (SCRLC); Jenny Shonk (FLLS)

Excused: Camille Andrews (Cornell); Lauren Delaubell (SUNY Cortland); Laura Kuo (IC)

Around the table

Jenny: Jenny's assistant position was eliminated. She shared the SALS project, Leaving Our Fingerprints history of the pandemic project which is expanding statewide. I followed up and SCRLC now has a unique link for the project survey and will host a webinar overview of the project on February 17.

Megan: The library has purchased an annex of a newspaper building as offsite storage. They are embarking on a major weeding project and have already eliminated 10 tons of books. Students are starting Spring semester February 11 and will be tested ahead of time. 3 wellness days were added to the Spring calendar to address concerns around student's mental health and to help alleviate stress.

Brian: Most of their libraries are open with people coming in and there have been some covid cases in libraries. He has been going onsite to help with websites. 1 library has come online (with their OPAC). Library programming is still being done online. 4CLS has had 1 layoff. Most staff are in the office 2-3 days a week. BCPL has a new director.

Amanda: Delhi will start classes February 1st, but in-person classes will begin mid-February. The library is doing curbside pickup. SUNYLA, which is being hosted by Delhi, will be a virtual conference again this year.

Recent events review

Since the last meeting, we held SCRLC's annual meeting + workshop (43 attendees); 2 ESLN NYLA conference programs (almost 200 attendees per program); a film screening (14 attendees) 2 communications workshops (124 registrants), a webinar on Library Services for Indigenous Peoples (150 registrants); and 4 Plan of Service "Regional Conversations" (15 participants).

Upcoming events

POS Regional Conversations, 1/11 & 1/12

[ESLN PILLARS Symposium](#), 7/7-7/9 ([Call for Proposals](#) open until 1/22/21)

Focuses on the High School to college transition

Brainstorming events for 2021

Post-event survey suggestions have included screening a silent film from Wharton Studios; dealing with angry patrons; and self-care during the pandemic.

Plan of Service- Long-range planning for SCRLC Educational Services

We reviewed membership survey results, specifically questions 6,9, 11, 12 & 13 which addressed continuing education. A phrase that stood out to me was that SCRLC can help “challenge the status quo and maintain standards.” One of the themes that emerged was long-term budgetary concerns. A budget series could be planned for this year and include topics like evaluating usage statistics to know what databases to cut and how to get grants.

We discussed format for events going forward including zoom fatigue and doing audio-only presentations; the feasibility and possible future demand for hybrid events; offering another conference-type event; more panel sessions with Q&A’s; and shorter lightning talk presentations and/or online poster sessions. The committee may need to review the POS elements via email.

2021 Meeting Schedule:

April 7, 10:00 - 11:00am

July 7, 10:00 - 11:00am

October 6, 10:00 - 11:00am