

Educational Services Advisory Committee Minutes

10/6/2021, 10:00am

Online via Zoom

Present: Megan Benson (BU); Amanda Calabrese (SUNY Delhi); Brian Lee (4CLS); Jessica Philippe (SCRLC); Lauren Delaubell (SUNY Cortland)

Excused: Jenny Shonk (FLLS); Laura Kuo (IC)

Around the table

Laura (shared via email): “Things at IC feel kind of fractured as the president resigned in July; there are several Interim Deans, an interim Provost; and an interim President. At the library we also have an Interim College Librarian as Lis Chabot, the former College Librarian, retired in May. In terms of the library specifically, we are very busy as we have fewer librarians to manage reference and instruction -- but the workload hasn't decreased. We are doing reference coverage via Chat as we do not have a full reference team as the Archivist position was terminated in June and one of the librarians resigned in July as she moved to another part of the country. Vaccination rates with students is nearly 100%, and compliance with mask wearing seems pretty good.”

Megan: 96% of students are vaccinated. Masking has been difficult to enforce. They were handing out masks, but have since stopped. People who won't wear a mask are asked to leave the building. Binghamton University Libraries currently have 7 open positions they are trying to fill. This is following a library staff reorganization. Megan is doing all library instruction at the moment, but this isn't sustainable long-term. She is exploring Goose Chase and other asynchronous teaching methods for non-research classes.

Brian: Two of the counties are enforcing masking while the other two counties are not. 4CLS received tablets and Brian is getting those set up and training library staff in how to use them.

Amanda: There is 100% vaccination compliance at SUNY Delhi. Masking is mandatory. The new Assessment & Outreach Librarian will begin work on the 18th. Amanda planned to attend the Upstate NY Science Librarian's Conference, hosted virtually by the University of Buffalo on October 8.

Lauren: Students at SUNY Cortland are wearing masks, but they are not wearing them properly. They were doing periodic reminders over the PA system, but they stopped because it was interfering with classes. The union contract expires in July.

Recent events review

The ESLN Wikipedia for Libraries with Collection in NY Heritage webinar had 5 attendees from our region. Designing for the Future: The Post-Pandemic Library had 225 registrants, which is one of our best-attended online events ever. ESLN's Ask the HR Expert: HR 101 webinar had

18 attendees from the region. Our first Article Discussion (Designing for the Future: The Post-Pandemic Library) had 5 participants. ESLN's Ask the Lawyer: The New Safety had 138 from our region alone (700+ registrants total!). ESLN's Changing Environments of Resource Sharing in Academic Libraries had 31 SCRLC attendees. Our second Article Discussion (Ethical Financial Stewardship) had 6 participants. ESLN's Ask the HR Expert: Effective Selection had 11 attendees from our region. ESLN's The New Case Act for Libraries had 16 attendees from the region. Navigating the New Normal: Emotionally Adjusting to Pandemic Re-entry had 98 registrants. The ESLN PILLARS Symposium had 25 SCRLC attendees (500+ total across the country). Keeping Up With the Collections: Highlighting Women's Suffrage had 18 registrants. ESLN's The Future of Resource Sharing: Technologies on the Horizon had 20 SCRLC attendees. The SCRLC Board and All-Committee Retreat had 30 participants. The Article Discussion (What is Critical Race Theory, and Why Is It Under Attack?) had 9 participants. ESLN's Coordinated Collection Development Aid Info Session had 14 attendees from our region. ESLN's Ask the HR Expert: Trust & Leadership had 13 attendees from our region. ESLN's Project ReShare and IndexData Update had 8 attendees from our region.

For the programs hosted by ESLN, the SCRLC attendance is what you would expect based on total attendance divided by the 9 regions, so that's great.

Upcoming events (with registration links)

Masking in Libraries Discussion, 10/8

Article Discussion (Trauma-Informed Librarianship), 10/14

ESLN [Ask the HR Expert: Leading Performance](#), 10/18

[Wholehearted Libraries: Meeting the Needs of Community](#) (and SCRLC Annual Meeting), 10/22
(Join us if you can!)

[ILL: The Inside Story](#) (Resource Sharing User's Group Meeting), 10/27

NYLA Conference | [ESLN Luncheon: Collective Power for Collective Good](#), 11/4

NYLA Conference | [ESLN Program: Shared Vocabulary for a Supportive Workplace](#), 11/4

Screening of *Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution* (Netflix) & Discussion, TBD

Keeping Up With the Collections: The History Center in Tompkins County, 1/25

Other upcoming events planning

We discussed the possibility of an event that shares asynchronous teaching methods such as Goose Chase and virtual escape rooms, but most teaching is required to be synchronous and often in person right now. Another identified need is building inclusive collections in academic libraries. One resource mentioned was Choice360.org [Towards Inclusive Excellence](#) blog. Brian added that building inclusive collections in public libraries that are reflective of their communities involves materials from both sides of the political spectrum.

Review [Educational Services Committee SMART Goals](#)

Jenny, Laura, and Megan began this work at the All-Committee meeting in July and we further developed these goals with the committee.

Upcoming 2022 Meetings Schedule

Wednesday, January 12, 10:00-11:00am

Wednesday, April 6, 10:00-11:00am

Wednesday, July 13, 10:00-11:00am

Wednesday, October 12, 10:00-11:00am