Members Council Meeting
College Center, Middlesex Community College
February 1, 2013

Attending: Judy Avrin (VALE); Nancy Becker (Caldwell College); Amy Beth (Bergen CC); Judith Cohn (UMDNJ); Stephanie Cooper (Sussex CC); Jane Crocker (Gloucester CC); Timothy Domick (Centenary); Romel Espinel (Stevens); Greg Fallon (PCCC); Marianne Gaunt (Rutgers); Paul Glassman (Felician); Judith Lin Hunt (Montclair); Julie Moscinski (RVCC); Mary Marks (Fairleigh Dickinson); Cheryl O'Connor (LibraryLinkNJ); Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ); Pamela Price (Mercer County); Andrew Scrimgeour (Drew); Richard Sweeney (NJIT); Mark Thompson (Middlesex CC); Amira Űnver (College of St. Elizabeth); Bruce Whitham (Rowan)

1. Welcome and Update on General Education issues from David Edwards, Dean, Division of Arts and Sciences

- M. Thompson welcomed the Members Council remarking that the renovations to the Library are almost complete. He then introduced Dean David Edwards.
- Dean Edwards welcomed the Members Council to MCC on behalf of the Executive Staff. His PowerPoint presentation focused on General Education issues for Middlesex Community College including the community college perspective, the GenEd course assessment cycle, information literacy, and assessment.

2. Introduction (Taras Pavlovsky)

T. Pavlovsky welcomed all to the meeting, especially first time attendees. All members present then introduced themselves.

3. Approval of minutes from September 21, 2012 meeting

Minutes were approved.

4. VALE Updates (Taras Pavlovsky)

- There has been a change to the Executive Committee since J. Toth assumed the director position at Richard Stockton College of NJ. P. Price has agreed to complete his term on the committee representing Community Colleges.
- At the request of committee chairs, Adobe Connect is being researched to provide a videoconferencing platform. The committee chair would be required to hold at least one meeting via videoconference.
- Legal documents and license agreements with vendors are now available. J. Avrin reported that all are located by database on the webpage and provided the login information.
- Regarding 501c (3) status: met with the President's Council. The Council values VALE but decided not to support VALE obtaining 501c (3) status. The Council urged

VALE to work with NJEdge to meet their needs. VALE and NJEdge met in January. The discussion was tabled until after remaining agenda items were discussed.

- After resuming discussion following the State Library Updates, T. Pavlovsky explained that the relationship between VALE and NJEdge would be more of shared services than an actual merger. It should be noted that at the meeting between NJEdge and VALE, there was discussion of issues but nothing was decided. T. Pavlovsky shared his notes. He summarized that some of the current needs of VALE are met by William Paterson University, which are database needs. Needs that are not met include entering into contracts and receiving funds. The current volunteer model needs to be updated.
- A discussion followed centering around issues of VALE autonomy, financial independence, talking points of why VALE needs 501c (3) status, and the possibility of VALE partnering with LibraryLinkNJ. It was noted at this time that a meeting had taken place between T. Pavlovsky, C. O'Connor and M. Chute that the state library could absorb services but for a fee. Any decisions would need to be made by the board. Ultimately a business plan is needed, and the IT connection between NJEdge and VALID should be explored.

5. Budget Update (Judy Avrin)

- J. Avrin reported the current VALE budget noting salaries, expenditures and the reserve balance.
- Mentioned the Users Conference and thanked Marianne Gaunt for the Rutgers facility and Bergen for the programs.

6. Presentation by Andrew Scrimgeour: Fundraising Strategies for Academic Libraries

- A. Scrimgeour detailed several strategies for successful fundraising in addition to strategies that did not work as well.
- Distributed the handout, "A Tool Kit for Raising Funds and Gifts-in-Kind for Academic Libraries."
- Stressed the following:
  - Teamwork
  - Be alert to opportunities that others might miss
  - Follow-up with thank you notes
  - Be committed
  - Work in partnerships and Friend Organizations
  - Produce quality publications highlighting collections and marking milestones

7. Website Updates (Judy Avrin)

- The committee met on the previous Monday. They had a phone meeting using Adobe Connect.
- Discussed finding link checker software; would address issue with Reciprocal Borrowing links.
- It is policy to post committee minutes to the website.
- T. Pavlovsky reminded the Council to send updates for the minutes to Recorder, J. Moscinski.

8. VALID Update (Marianne Gaunt)

- Explained why the RFP is important.
- Steering Committee will take comments and send it back out.
- Discussed VALID Vision and Strategies and listed deliverables.
- There is the possibility of one consultant that will subcontract.

9. ACRL-NJ News

No update was provided.

10. LibraryLinkNJ Update (Cheryl O'Connor)

- New logo was launched.
- The website is currently frozen with the migration to Drupal 7.
- Discussed the statewide strategic planning process, detailing how to participate. Encouraged new staff to be aware of the strategic planning process.

11. State Library Updates

- T. Pavlovsky read the state library report, highlighting databases and the National Campaign of Digital Literacy.

12. Old Business/New Business

- A request for a host for the next meeting was answered by Judith Lin Hunt for Montclair State University. The meeting will be on a Thursday, June 13th. The Members Council was reminded that the June meeting needs a quorum for voting purposes.

Julie Moscinski
Recorder