Minutes of the VALE Members Council Meeting
Friday, February 7, 2020
Mercer County Community College

Attending: L. Beninghove (Stevens), C. Berg (ACRL-NJ / NJLA-CUS, William Paterson), J. Buschman (Seton Hall), E. Chapel (Edge), S. Chudnick (Brookdale), J. Cohn (Rutgers), H. Cook (Caldwell), H. Craven (CCM), J. Donnelly (Georgian Court), M. Doty (Berkeley), G. Fallon (Passaic), A. Fontoura (Fairleigh Dickinson), I. Gray (Camden), A. Hoang (NJIT), J. Hunt (Montclair State), L. Keller (Ramapo), M. Lena (VALE), J. Machie (LLNJ), S. Muir (Rowan), T. Mullusky (Thomas Edison), M. Nizolek (NJSL), M. Ochoa (Middlesex), E. Owusu-Ansah (William Paterson), T. Pavlovsky (TCNJ), D. Peterson (RCBC), J. Piddington (RCSJ), J. Pu (Hudson), R. Riccardi (Rider), D. Rosinski-Kauz (Ocean), J. Shelly (Felician), J. Toth (Stockton), A. Valenti (RVCC), K. Wagner (Monmouth)

Pam Price opened the meeting at 9:20 a.m. and welcomed the Members Council to MCCC. Dr. Jianping Wang, MCCC President, welcomed the Members Council and thanked us for our work in OER and emphasized the importance of OER and the need for colleges and universities to fund OER initiatives.

Steve Chudnick opened the meeting at 9:44 a.m. and offered thanks to Pam Price for hosting.

VALE update
Kurt Wagner thanked Steve Chudnick and Melissa Lena for bringing us all together. He reported to the Edge board yesterday about the VALE conference and VALE's OER efforts. Wagner thanked Cara Berg, Amanda Piekart, and Melissa Lena for their efforts in conference planning. The VALE Executive Committee will review the conference feedback. Wagner asked how we can make the VALE conference more attractive and relevant; he commented on ways to overlap Edge and VALE in the area of instructional design as a way to increase interest in both conferences and encourage crossover attendance. Wagner thanked Edge for partnering with VALE for the conference and remarked that VALE benefitted from Edge's conference planning infrastructure. Wagner congratulated Steve Chudnick, Greg Fallon, Marilyn Ochoa, and the OER ambassadors. Wagner mentioned the approaching OER deadline in early May 2020. Wagner welcomed feedback and comments about the conference and the feedback survey was discussed.

VALE budget
Taras Pavlovsky presented the budget approved by the VALE Members Council last spring, VALE FY2020 Budget Final Draft 5/21/19, which had a service fee of 3.4607% , $142,056.68. Pavlovsky commented that the FY2019 service fee was 4.5%.
Pavlovsky presented the VALE FY2020 current budget activity report. VALE's operating reserve will cover the unanticipated $3,600 legal review fees and $1,500 professional design & printing for the conference program. Pavlovsky explained that the conference revenue was $18,300, and we do not yet know final numbers from Edge for the cost of the conference; it was stated that the costs would not exceed what the cost was at Rutgers. Pavlovsky remarked that about

$4 million passes through VALE for database licensing revenue, and an additional $300,000 revenue is due to additional products ordered by libraries. It was discussed that more libraries appear to be tweaking their orders late. It was discussed that in the future, the next fiscal year budget should be presented at the February Members Council meeting to be approved by the VALE Executive Committee in March, and sent to the Members Council for review. It was suggested that "Database subscriptions" should perhaps be changed to something else to encompass all resources. VALE gave $500 to the NJLA Kathy Schalk-Greene scholarship.

ACRL-NJ/NJLA-CUS
Cara Berg reported that ACRL-NJ/NJLA-CUS held an asynchronous meeting and contributed to a Google document to share committee updates. Berg shared that the strategic planning task force met last week to discuss the future of their organization and encouraged the Members Council to stay tuned for more information. Berg commented that the nomination for four academic awards at NJLA is coming up soon and that the luncheon format was approved for the conference: there will be no keynote, the luncheon will be buffet-style, and the event will be networking-heavy. Berg announced that the next meeting is planned for Friday, February 21 via Zoom, all are welcome to attend, and those interested should contact Berg for the Zoom link.

Edge
Ed Chapel provided the Edge report and remarked that: he was thrilled to see VALE membership at the Edge conference, the Edge staff believes the collocation works well, and the VALE conference vendor presence was great. Chapel expressed Edge's interest in doing more business through the VALE/Edge partnership and commented that non-profits can make a net change in assets to reinvest in the organization. Chapel suggested that eventually VALE may be able to do away with the service fee. Chapel remarked that Edge and VALE should invest in OER. Scott Muir commented that we need to create opportunities to inform about the library's role in research at the university, in multiple platforms, including the View from the Edge magazine. Chapel shared that Edge is trying to identify viable shared resources and a services model that could be applicable to the library environment. A discussion ensued regarding Illumira, for which a buyer has not been found, although Springshare is looking into it. Chapel commented upon the Edge Strategic Plan: From Vision to Value, 2014-2021, and shared that Edge will be 20 years old in July.

LibraryLinkNJ
Juliet Machie announced that Kathy Schalk-Greene retired a few weeks ago, and there will be an announcement for a national search. Machie is traveling around New Jersey to meet with libraries; resource sharing is the primary goal and the focus is on physical delivery of library resources. Machie shared that delivery continues to be a strong service, and it is funded by the New Jersey State Library. Machie announced that every three years LLNJ performs a study with the goal of finding ways to be more efficient and effective; a focus group will be held next week in Piscataway. Machie commented upon advocacy, collaboration, & partnerships and shared about how LLNJ is emerging through budget challenges. Machie shared that, to reduce expenses, LLNJ will relocate to Trenton to the Talking Book & Braille Center by the end of 2020, and the staff views this move as an opportunity to be among colleagues. Machie remarked

upon continuing education programs provided by LLNJ, with the Super Library Supervisor workshop program being most popular.

New Jersey State Library
Margaret Nizolek shared that the New Jersey State Library has signed a membership agreement on behalf of the NJ-DE DPLA hub members. Nizolek commented that the State Library received an IMLS grant for the Fresh Start @ Your Library program, and six NJ public libraries are serving as reconnection centers with onsite social workers. The program initiatives help to make people aware of library resources, provide referrals for employment, offer GED exam prep software, training materials, and the statewide job fair, and the program aims for this to become a model for other states to use elsewhere in the U.S. Nizolek commented that the NJ Division on Civil Rights is celebrating New Jersey's 75th anniversary of civil rights statute; an online exhibit is planned using LibGuides as a platform, featuring a timeline of the history of the struggle for civil rights in NJ. Nizolek shared that they have added over 35,000 NJ State publications to the State Library's digital repository at the end of December. The State Library is working on digitizing a lot of material plus born-digital materials.

OER
The OER Committee update was provided by Steve Chudnick, Greg Fallon, and Marilyn Ochoa. Fallon mentioned the recent regional workshops; March 6 at Camden, March 16 at Montclair State. Ken Karol and Fallon, and colleagues, have been traveling to libraries and talking about OER. Chudnick mentioned the OER ambassadors' efforts and referenced an email about the OER repository hosted by Marilyn Ochoa's team at Middlesex County College. Ochoa emphasized that OpenNJ is a shared resource and they can create a page for each institution; instructions on using OpenNJ are available. If Members would like permissions for our own collection, we are encouraged to contact Ochoa for Zoom or in-person training. OpenNJ will hold adopted materials like OpenStax, and materials created by individual college/university faculty, or, we can choose to link out to the native source. The OpenNJ repository will not violate copyright rules. The repository is searchable across all collections. Ochoa shared that there is a survey going around from Megan Dempsey regarding responsibility for OER at individual campuses. Ochoa encouraged Members to visit the link on the OER page for guidelines and pamphlet law. Fallon shared that William Paterson University has an OER task force. The OER plan required by the State of New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education was discussed, and Members are encouraged to address the guidelines that apply to our institutions, and should be viewed as suggestions, not requirements. Fallon and Karol visited William Paterson University for a discussion: the NJ OER plan is all about making a serious effort to help students with affordability, and considers OER, commercial products, or both. It was mentioned that the OER Northeast Regional Conference will be held May 28, 29.

Conclusion
Old Business/New Business
- A discussion was held regarding student success, affordability, and enrollment.
- A discussion was held about streaming services and digital asset management. Concerns about a Springshare/Illumira acquisition, and the potential costs, were discussed.

- Ochoa mentioned that OpenNJ could host streaming media, either hosted on the institution's own server, or in a cloud service (payment required).
- Edward Owusu-Ansah commented that William Paterson University is migrating from Illumira to YuJa.
- Joe Toth commented that we should examine how we are responding to this cultural change.
- Chapel mentioned that the differentiator between Illumira and other platforms is that Illumira could identify whether someone had the right to view a video, based on programming/set-up – rights (digital rights management).
- Wagner suggested VALE can begin an Edge Exchange conversation as this topic concerns and engages all Members.
- It was announced that Scott Muir will retire from Rowan University as of July 1, 2020.
- Pam Price shared information about the Essential Skills Summit held on January 31, and provided details about Vision 2028: A Framework for the Future of New Jersey Community Colleges, and emphasized the important of information literacy.

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