VALE Members Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 28, 2024 | 9 am - 12 pm | Meeting Documents

In attendance: 28 representatives. Ali Cole (VALE), Elizabeth Leonard (Drew), Donna Rosinski-Kauz (OCC), Jane Crocker (RCSJ), Marilyn Ochoa (Middlesex), Isabel Gray (Camden CC), Ann Hoang (NJIT), Edward Owusu-Ansah (WPU), Kurt Wagner (Monmouth), Ralph Bingham (LLNJ), Ana Fontoura (FDU), Jane Jiang (UCNJ), Janet Hauge (ACCC), Sabrina Johnson-Taylor (PCCC), Dennis Schaub (RVCC), Daisy DeCoster (Saint Peter's), Gus Stamatopoulos (Stockton), Heather Craven (CCM), R. Chris Ware (Essex CC), Bill McNellis (Brookdale), John Hernandez (HCCC), Pamela Price (Mercer), Taras Pavlovsky (TCNJ), Linda Beninghove (Stevens), Stephanie Cooper (Sussex CC), Evelyn Frangakis (PTSEM), David Marks (Bergen), Gary Marks (NJLA CUS/ACRL).

Absent: 25 representatives. Laurie McFadden (Berkeley), Mark Jackson (Bloomfield), Victoria Swanson (Caldwell), Susan Van Alstyne (Centenary), Sisalee M. Hecht (Eastwick), Jodi Shelly (Felician), Jeff Donnelly (Georgian Court), Muhammad Hassan (Kean), Danianne Mizzy (MSU), Patrick Milas (NBTS), Fred Smith (NJCU), Maria Baratta (NJSL), Jen Nelson (NJSL), Brett Bonfield (NJLA), Rosa Canales (Pillar), Patricia Gaspari-Bridges (Princeton), Leigh Keller (Ramapo), David Peterson (RCBC), Rob Hilliker (Rowan), Consuella Askew (Rutgers), Adrienne Bross (STEU), Jennifer Pierce (Salem), John Buschman (Seton Hall), Tom Mullusky (TESU), Lisa Stoll (Warren).

Guests: Rebecca Reynolds (Guest Speaker), Rachel Pieters (RCBC), Catherine Oliver (MSU).

Welcome & Business Meeting. (Ochoa, Moderator)

- Coffee & Conversation
    - Middle States accreditation, Library Renovations
- Member Introductions, moderator MNO introduction of the guest speaker

Presentation. (Rebecca Reynolds, Chair & Associate Professor of Library & Information Science, Rutgers School of Communication & Information)

- *Governing EdTech in Schools & Universities through Multifactor EdTech Data Ethics Advocacy (MEDEA).*
- RR discussed her 3 Strands of research:
    - Digital information literacy development among young people: past, present, future
    - Socio-technical systems research and critical education technology platform studies (aka "education informatics")
    - Traditional reading skills development, reasoning, and new literacy development in the socio-technical era
- Sins of omission: Critical informatics perspectives on privacy in e-learning systems in higher education
- Discussion about the personal data harvesting happening with products like Turnitin and privacy concerns – what is happening with all of the data? What is the value of the learning objects instructors create on these platforms? Should we be thinking about hiring contracts? Is the data being commercialized?
- Gus – challenge to get rid of (Turnitin) – instructors are used to using it, they don't want to get rid of it. Harvesting personal data is happening. It is very concerning.

- RR is interested in VALE's connection to NJ Edge w/ Research – AH will follow up and introduce it to Forough @ Edge.
- Presentation slides and materials are available in the meeting folder.

Updates & Reports.

- VALE, Ann Hoang, Chair
  - o Thank you to our members – for renewing resources, sharing work, attending the conference – we will continue to add resources and events. Thank you to Moderator MNO, Reynolds for presentation, reminder to all to recommend speakers for the MC speaker series – send recommendations to current moderator MNO and to PM AC.
  - o Thank you to Gary Marks, Emily Drabinski, Maria Deptula, the entire conference planning committee, all the presenters and student volunteers, the VALE PM, the VALE Officers, and Edge - who helped put on the January NJAL Conference.
  - o Since our last meeting – VALE has worked on the operating budget, we are operating in the black, current budget is 4.9 million, operating budget of about 3.88% of that. 749 eResources through 26 vendors. This is a 31% increase from last year. EC worked hard on developing the proposed FY25 budget and keeping the service fee low.
  - o Reminder to please encourage your librarians to participate, join a committee, or volunteer. Reach out to PM Ali Cole to visit your library and meet your staff.
  - o VALE will be hosting a Strategic Planning Retreat in July – Save the Date will be forthcoming.
  - o Please complete the eResources survey so that we can continue to bring you vendors and products that are of interest.
  - o The next MC meeting will be in person in June at Mercer CC. Ochoa's term in the moderator role will end at the June meeting – we are looking for a new one, think about nominating or self-nominating.
- Budget Report, Taras Pavlovsky, Treasurer
  - o We are operating in the black – expecting about 15.5k into the black end of FY
- Business Update, Ali Cole, Program Manager
  - o [PM Update slides](#) are in the shared meeting folder.

Five Minute Break (10:36 am – 10:41 am)

Affiliate Updates & Reports.

- ACRL-NJ / NJLA-CUS, Gary Marks, President
  - o [NJAL Conference final report](#) is in the shared folder. Generally, very positive feedback received.
  - o [Teaching Thursdays](#) initiative
- LibraryLinkNJ, Ralph Bingham, Executive Director
  - o [LLNJ Report](#)
  - o The State Library is working on reviewing library network regulations.
  - o EDI Initiative Group update – working out agreement details for the consultant.
  - o Ralph & Jon exhibited at NJAL conference & plan to be back and support next year.
  - o PD subsidy still available up to $500
  - o LLNJ now on LinkedIn

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- o Upcoming reminder for Spring membership Meeting in person at Middlesex in Edison. Save the date: Thurs. June 20th.
- New Jersey State Library, Maria Baratta, Associate Director
  - o 2023 wrap up and March update are in the shared folder.
- NJLA, Brett Bonfield, Executive Director
  - o NJLA March Newsletter are in the shared folder.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

- Vote on Proposed FY25 Budget (Pavlovsky)
  - o TP reviewed Proposed FY25 Budget – in meeting folder
  - o Proposed 0.278 increase in service fee – 3.9007%
  - o Elizabeth Leonard asked about the 10k rollover – will we need to do this every year to keep the service fee low? No.
  - o MNO moved to approve the proposed FY25 budget. Motion to pass proposed FY25 budget passed: 27 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.
  - o AC noted that Service Fee will be added to CM for review.
- Strategic Planning Task Force Update (Ochoa/Gray/Cole)
  - o See slides in PM report. Motion to approve Task Force recommendation passed at afternoon's EC meeting.
- Planned Elimination of Academic Libraries Survey from IPEDS (Cole)
  - o https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/03/04/2024-04509/agency-information-collection-activities-comment-request-integrated-postsecondary-education-data
  - o Use the link to leave a public comment regarding the proposed changes.
- Call for EC Committee Members – Upcoming Elections (Ochoa/Cole)
  - o Call for nominations forthcoming. Open seats here.
- Proposed State Budget Cuts (Cole)
  - o Governor Murphy's FY 2025 proposed State Budget drastically reduces investment in NJ's community colleges, cutting $20 million. Visit the link to learn more and contact your legislators: https://www.njcommunitycolleges.org/legislative-action-center/#/

Conclusion & Adjournment.

- Upcoming topics: Middle States Accreditation
  - o https://www.msche.org/policies-guidelines/?title-search=evidence+expectations&type=
  - o This is a uniquely VALE topic. Discussion to be continued in the listserv and at EC.
- The next VALE Members Council meeting will be in person on Thursday, June 13th at Mercer.

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