

Cornell University Library

Notes from the January 26, 1999 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Tom Hickerson, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman, Carey Hatch, Larry Randall, Maureen Zajkowski

The Library Management Team met with Carey Hatch, Director, SUNY Office of Library & Information Services, Larry Randall, SUNY Connect Project Coordinator, and Maureen Zajkowski, SLAM Project Director, to discuss SUNY Connect, the SUNY-wide virtual library initiative. The three main components of SUNY Connect are the use of a common library management system (LMS), a common base set of electronic resources (and a common authentication/authorization service), and shared storage of non-networked resources.

The process of selecting a common LMS for the 70+ SUNY libraries is underway. Maureen is chairing the committee responsible for making a recommendation. Following preliminary demonstrations and discussions with vendors, SUNY issued an RFP on January 19. Responses are due March 30. A short list will be compiled in April and a recommendation is due by July. (Maureen and Carey met with Cornell's LMS Evaluation Committee to share information about vendors and systems.)

We discussed the SUNY Connect five year financial plan, the outlook for state funding, network architecture, staffing and other issues that will affect the kind of relationship Cornell establishes with SUNY Connect. LMT will evaluate this as we look at a number of opportunities we have to participate in consortial and cooperative relationships.

You can review a variety of documents associated with SUNY Connect at <http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/projects/virtlib/sunyover1.htm>.

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