# Meeting Minutes 01\_10\_2022 (SSCC)

# SUNY Shared Collection Committee

**Attendees**: Tim Arnold, Ben Andrus, Theo Belniak, Jane Kessler, Kathy Machin, Heath Martin, Shannon Pritting, Esta Tovstiadi, Kerri Wilkes

Start time: 9:00 AM

End time: 9:57 AM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81172899973>

Minutes of December 6, 2021 were approved.

**SUNYCONNECT Update**

Shannon reported that the SUNY CONNECT package is similar to the previous package, which includes the EBSCO databases, an additional package of DEI eBooks, and the Academic Video Online (AVON) package. The overall deal costs $15,000 dollars more for the AVON package and the SUNYCONNECT package. Currently, only 22 campuses subscribe to Avon, but they're paying approximately 80% of what we would have to pay for all campuses to get Avon. The piece that will be somewhat controversial is our pricing model and our cost model for SUNYCONNECT. Reasons why it might be controversial:

1. The EBSCO databases in the past has so heavily favored small community colleges, that they pay very little for the 35 EBSCO databases.
2. We cannot replicate that price model with AVON.

Many of the smaller community colleges will see a price increase on SUNYCONNECT, but they're going to get AVON for 65% off. Small community colleges might say no, they will not participate in the deal. It will be up to Esta and Shannon to influence them persuade, etc. Everyone is aware that there are zero funds to cover new purchases, but it's a really good deal to pick up AVON, which doesn't solve everyone's problems 100% for streaming video, but it is a solid package to build around for everybody. This was discussed at the SUNYCONNECT Task Force and everyone was on board and all sectors were represented. It will be a recharge that should be billed in December. There will be prorating, based on when the campus subscribed to AVON. Esta and Shannon will work through the issues of billing regarding AVON to make it clear as possible. This will not be a standard model of pricing for the community colleges, the price could double or go up 75 percent.

In the AVON package you can select a number of titles? How will that be determined? Shannon will work it out, it makes sense that if you pay more you should be able to select more titles. The SUNYConnect Task Force will work that out.

Discussion ensued regarding the EBSCO DEI eBook collection and EBSCO databases. The subscription is a quarterly update and the content will remain fresh. The eight databases that were eliminated were based on extremely low usage and lack of unique content Shannon will post those titles in basecamp. The SUNYCONNECT Task Force approved the recommendation.

The committee also endorsed the changes to the SUNYCONNECT package. Esta and Shannon will hold several campus wide meetings to discuss the package and the price increases. OLIS will be paying $300,000 towards the package, and hopefully that will be a persuasive tool to convince schools to join the deal.

**ScienceDirect Extension and Task Force**

Esta set up a base camp for the task force and the group is going to meet next Wednesday. The taskforce also has their first meeting with Elsevier next Wednesday, which will be an hour or two after the taskforce meeting. The intent is to extend the current contract, in essence to create a new track the new license plate, but not looking to shake up the package in extremely measurable way, which was discussed with the committee in the last meeting. Shannon will send out the agenda, and proposals so that everyone is on the same page and not waste time discussing additional purchases that are just not affordable at this time.

Please review the documents in Basecamp. There is an analysis for every single sector, and an annual review of the packages of 2020 as well as 2021 where SLC looked at all sorts of metrics. ILL, cost per use of open access content, article purchasing on demand, uses things like that. As a system, there's nothing in the data that overwhelmingly indicates that we need to add anything. Certainly, turn aways have gone up but we can't correlate that to titles being outside of the package. We would all love to triple our subscriptions just to make people happy, but the data doesn't show us any clear path that we need to add more titles. We need to be on the same page internally so that we can parse through all the posturing that we'll get from Elsevier. The ScienceDirect Task Force will report back to the committee next month the results of the meeting with Elsevier.

**NOVELNY and SSCC Meeting**.

Tim set up a Zoom meeting with Amy Heebner from NY State Education. Tim put some notes in Basecamp and asked the committee to take a look at it. Amy shared their processes, but didn't really seem interested in meeting with Tim. It wasn't very clear if we would gain any new information. It does sound like kind of a fairly closed process. Tim asked if it's something that we want to pursue more or are we interested? Tim is also in discussion with Western New York library's resources council about this because many of the academic libraries in this area are interested in hearing more about the process. So that will probably go forward also, and Tim will be part of that but he doesn’t know if the committee had anything more they were interested in or wanting to pursue more from the Department of Education.

**Adam Mathew Offer**

Heath mentioned that sometime time ago, the committee might focus on campus-initiated proposals. Heath had an informal conversation with Adam Matthew to see if they ever proposed anything at the SUNY level. The representative seemed interested and she went back and worked on this proposal which is posted on Basecamp. [2021 12 10 Adam Matthew - SUNY Shared Collections Committee](https://3.basecamp.com/3649838/buckets/4771179/vaults/4490539523)

Heath thinks it's a good proposal. It's a onetime purchase, and that makes it a little different from some of the other packages the committee has looked at but he wanted the committee to examine the proposal and discuss the package. Discussion ensued, the pros and cons regarding the annual hosting fees, and the importance of prioritizing the SUNYCONNECT package. Heath could say that it is an interesting offer, but we cannot consider it in this fiscal year, but maybe in the next fiscal year. Shannon mentioned that not to discourage proposals but that the process to consider any offer would take at least a year to process any proposal in order to include all of the stakeholders. Shannon shared ideas how we could get Adam Matthews to perhaps use EBSCO for their proposal because EBSCO is on the state contract? Who would take the lead on the procurement? Esta proposed an idea that if the University Centers signed on to a proposal like this, pushing down the price for the rest of the schools, could OLIS also add funds to a proposal dropping the price lower? Or propose an extended trial to peek some interest? At this point in time, that is not an option as there aren’t any additional funds.

**2022 SSCC Initiatives**

Elsevier extension

DEI initiatives

Esta mentioned that they are working on the 10-year contract with Artstor. We are still waiting on the New York Times site license, Shannon is waiting on signatures and sends reminders every day. There is preferential pricing and the pricing will be shared on Basecamp. Shannon asked what would the committee like the SLC to work on? Discussion ensued regarding if some campuses have upgraded EBSCO databases to Ultimate? There were discussions with EBSCO for upgrades but it would cost an additional $170,000. At this point the committee will focus on SUNYCONNECT and ScienceDirect as far as initiatives.

**Next Steps**

Next meeting February 7, 2022.

Heath will refine the proposal with suggestions from the committee proposed for Adam Matthew

Meeting Adjourned at 9:57 AM