



SUNYConnect Task Force December Update

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Agenda

- Update on Task Force Work to date
- Next steps
- Open Q&A



What is the SUNYConnect EBSCO package?

- Subscription package of databases paid for and accessed by all 60 campuses
- Charges assessed via recharge
- Invoice paid by OLIS
- All databases must be on OGA/State Contract Price List
- Multi-year deal



What's included in the EBSCO package?

- Academic Search Alumni Edition
- Academic Search Complete
- Alt HealthWatch
- Associated Press Newswire (freely available)
- Applied Science & Technology Source
- Associates Programs Source
- Business Source Alumni Edition
- Business Source Complete
- CINAHL Plus with Full text
- Computer Source
- Education Source
- Energy & Power Source
- Entrepreneurial Studies Source
- Environment Complete
- ERIC
- European Views of the Americas: 1493 to 1750 (freely available)
- Fuente Académica Plus
- Greenfile (freely available)
- Health Source - Consumer Edition
- Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition
- Humanities Source
- LGBTQ+ Source
- Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts with Full Text
- MasterFILE Premier
- MEDLINE with Full Text
- Military & Government Collection
- Newspaper Source Plus
- Points of View Reference Center
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
- Regional and Business News
- Religion and Philosophy Collection
- Social Sciences Full Text
- Teacher Reference Center (freely available)
- Vocational and Career Collection

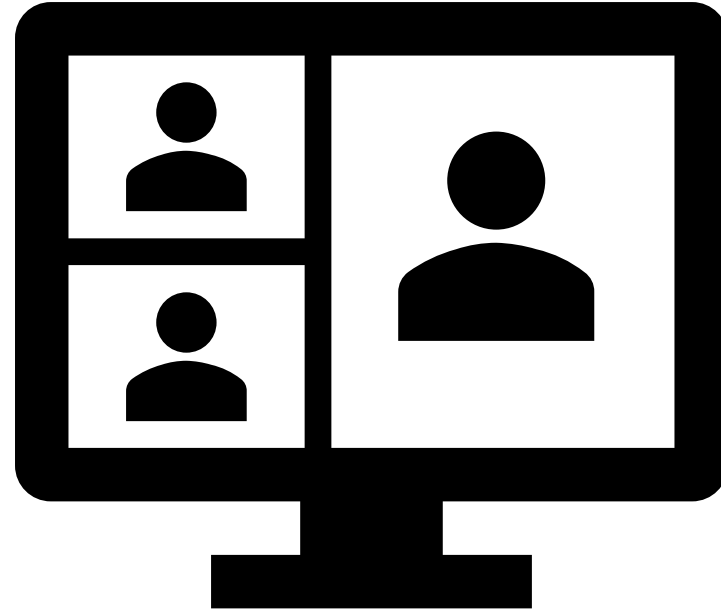


Task Force Charge

The SUNYConnect Task Force (SCTF), in coordination with the SUNY Library Services (SLS) will review strategies for the SUNYConnect program, present options for SUNYConnect to the SUNY Library Community, review feedback from libraries, and recommend a course of action to the SLC Shared Collections Committee and the SLC Board. The SCTF will meet 8-10 times, and create a recommendation for how to approach SUNYConnect when the current SUNYConnect contract expires in July 2022. Members of the SCTF will be expected to gather input from their respective sectors and represent their sector to the group. When the choice of an approach to SUNYConnect is agreed upon, the SCTF will assist with review of vendor offers, participate in vendor negotiations, and/or review procurement related documentation.

Task Force Membership

- Dana Antonucci-Durgan, Suffolk
- Katherine Brent, Cobleskill
- Susan Davis, UB
- Ryan Grimmer, Erie CC
- Andy Heiz, Orange CC
- Stephanie Hess, Binghamton, Chair
- Ruth Owens, ESF
- Shannon Pritting, SLS
- Colleen Lougen, New Paltz
- Scott Richmond, Fredonia
- Esta Tovstiadi, SLS



Survey

- Sought feedback on current package of databases, as well as preferences for a strategy to manage the upcoming renewal
- 54 responses
- Analysis: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/ncjzVK9ozWY2N6xE28L4vs29>
- Key takeaways:
 - Majority of current EBSCO databases in package are important to significant number of campuses
 - Majority of campuses support renewing as-is
 - Majority of campuses would not consider additional spend/price increases without more information about those increases
 - Majority of campuses are interested in shared streaming video, ebook and DEI collections



Sector Meetings

- Coordinated meetings with directors from various sectors
- Reviewed survey results
- Requested feedback on strategies for renewal
- Opportunity for questions for the task force



September Community Update

- Shared work of task force to date
- Engaged community on feedback about:
 - Which databases they wanted included in the package
 - Streaming video
 - Subscription ebook packages
- ~70 attendees



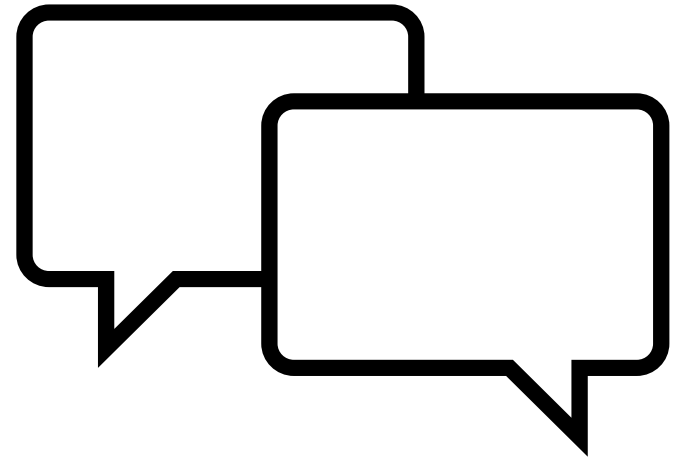
November SLC Update

- Shared plan for Request for Proposals to EBSCO
- Shared Task Force decisions and work to date
- ~100 attendees



Communication Plan

- Meeting minutes and relevant documents shared on our LibGuide: <https://slcny.libguides.com/c.php?g=1167678&p=8527214>
- Next community Update
 - December 1 at 1 pm
- Written report following completion of work



Database Usage Analysis

- Usage data
 - Reviewed usage statistics in aggregate and at the campus-level
 - Identified low-use databases: databases which do not have acceptable use (400 "requests" annually) at at least 30% of campuses (18 campuses)
 - 8 databases fit this criteria:
- Overlap analysis (next slide)

Low use:

Alt HealthWatch

Associates Programs Source

Computer Source

Energy & Power Source

Entrepreneurial Studies Source

Fuente Académica Plus

Religion and Philosophy Collection

Vocational and Career Collection

Database	FY20 Total Requests	FY21 Total Requests	Total Requests change	Number schools usage >400 FY20	% overlap with other SUNYConnect DBs
Alt HealthWatch	16,668	11,233	-33%	13	72%
Associates Programs Source	16,262	10,891	-33%	13	26%
Computer Source	13,018	11,669	-10%	9	9%
Energy & Power Source	10,317	8,741	-15%	5	66%
Entrepreneurial Studies Source	6,056	5,894	-3%	2	99%
Fuente Académica Plus	7,221	5,834	-19%	7	57%
Religion and Philosophy Collection	14,930	11,485	-23%	11	9%
Vocational and Career Collection	6,541	7,014	7%	3	5%



ProQuest's Academic Video Online (AVON)

- Majority of campuses indicated interest in a streaming video package
- SUNY Libraries currently spend ~\$172,353.04 on AVON
 - ~25 campuses subscribe
- SUNY is finalizing a contract with ProQuest that includes an offer for SUNY-wide AVON access for \$237,067.31
- This means we only need \$64,714.27 in new spend in order for all of SUNY to have access to AVON.
- Current spend would be reduced (discount for current subscribers) and new spend would come from additional SUNYConnect fees from campuses not currently subscribing



Benefits of AVON

- Wide interdisciplinary coverage on streaming video in major SUNY curriculum areas.
- Low cost for large volume of content.
- Sound building block for streaming video that campuses can build on with more nuanced video purchases.



Streaming Video Limitations

- Feedback from sectors indicated that there is high interest in streaming video packages/consortia offers to be added to SUNYConnect.
 - Films on Demand, SWANK, etc.
- These vendors are not on OGS State Contract, so it's not possible to add them to SUNYConnect.
- Even if vendors were on state contract, the additional spend needed would cause too much disruption to add.



Task Force Decisions to Date

- For this renewal cycle, we will re-negotiate our package with EBSCO
- We will swap out under-utilized databases if the discount or replacement databases are favorable
- We have asked EBSCO for a proposal that includes the following:
 - A cap of \$750,000 (\$30,000 less than current spend) on the first year of the proposal
 - Annual increase not exceed 3%
 - Another 5 year deal or similar (3 years with 2 optional extensions)
 - Include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)-related content
- We will attempt to add ProQuest's Academic Video Online to the SUNYConnect Core.
- We will make every attempt to keep cost increases to a minimum

November 18 Meeting with EBSCO

- Members of Task Force met with EBSCO reps
- EBSCO agreed to:
 - \$750,000 cap on first year price
 - No more than 3% escalator
 - Proposed swapping out some databases for inclusion of Diversity and Ethnic Studies ebook subscription collection



December 1 Meeting with ProQuest

- Representatives from the Task Force met with PQ
- PQ accepted our request to develop an offer based on the IFB pricing



Next Steps

- Task Force will draft report of findings
- Task Force will review EBSCO and PQ offers as they are made available





Questions or Discussion?

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