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The SUNY Council of Library Directors ([SCLD](#)) voted to approve the new SUNYConnect [financial plan](#) (September 24, 2008). [SUNYConnect Advisory Council's](#) Finance Committee with staff assistance from Maureen Zajkowski (OLIS) had been working on the revision over the summer and before.

One of the issues being examined was that the university centers were subsidizing the costs of hosting the SUNYConnect LMS (even though they do not use those services). A fundamental acknowledgement in the new financial model is that of core and optional SUNYConnect services.

All participants contribute towards the core services and campuses can choose to opt in to one or more optional services.

SUNYConnect has always been funded via a combination of campus funds and university-wide funds. The new model makes the role of these two sets of funds explicit. That is, the level of "OLIS subsidy" (university-wide funds) is apportioned to each campus in proportion to that campus' total contribution to program costs.

Core SUNYConnect services are ALEPH licenses, [electronic resources](#) (excluding ScienceDirect), [LAND](#), book cover images, etc. ([Syndetic Solutions](#)), authority control, [SUNY Digital Repository](#) and NYSHEI. Optional services include ALEPH hosting, ILLiad fees, and 360Link.



The new [financial plan](#) will be phased in over three years beginning in the 2009/2010 fiscal year. Please note that the numbers in the plan are based on 2007/2008 figures to be used as a basis for comparing models and do not represent ongoing costs.



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