

SUNY Business Intelligence Initiative

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OLIS is participating in the SUNY Business Intelligence Initiative (SBII). Included as part of the initiative is a sub-project that is focusing on SUNY library data. As a result of the SBII, members of the SUNY library community will have a tool for in-depth collection analysis as well as other reports and data analysis resources.

[SBII is a SUNY-wide effort](#) to provide useful, consistent and productive data analysis and reporting tools for the wide spectrum of university information and data.

"The fundamental goal of the SUNY Business Intelligence Initiative (SBII) is to:

1. integrate administrative data into a accurate, consistent, and reliable information resource
2. support planning, forecasting, and decision-making processes at campuses and System Administration.


"The SUNY Business Intelligence Initiative (SBII) will help create an atmosphere where decision makers at all levels, including front-line academic units to senior management, are empowered with the information they need to analyze and manage their administrative tasks related to information ...The SUNY Business Intelligence Initiative will facilitate strategic and operational decision-making at the campuses and System Administration by making information available in a timely, consistent and mission-driven manner".

Carey Hatch ([OLIS](#), [SLN](#), [CPD](#)) is a member of the SBII Steering Committee; Maureen Zajkowski (OLIS) is heading up the Library Functional Group portion of the SBII.

The technical underpinnings to SBII are systems from Oracle and Sungard with extensive work from computer centers at System Administration and elsewhere around SUNY. Part of the project involves the creation of an interface that users exploit to get the best use out of the data warehoused.


Along with the library group, SBII (Phase I) is working with [SUNY Institutional Research](#) data, Banner Student and financial aid information, and university-wide community college financial data. The interface and system for the first (Institutional Research) has been completed, others to be completed during the first half of 2009. Additional analysis of the library data is needed, and completion date is yet to be determined.

The initial work with [SUNYConnect](#) is focusing on LMS data (bibliographic and circulation) records. Users will be able to analyze individual collections as well as draw comparisons with other campuses.



What is 'Business Intelligence' software?

A set of concepts and methods to improve business decision making by using fact-based support systems. BI is sometimes used interchangeably with briefing books, report and query tools and executive information systems. Business Intelligence systems are data-driven DSS (decision support services).



What is a Data Warehouse?

The data warehouse is a collection of data that is pulled together primarily from operational business systems and is structured and tuned for easy access and use by information consumers and analysts, especially for the purpose of decision making.



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