REGENTS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES (RACL)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2021

ATTENDEES:

    <u>**RACL Exec Committee Members:**</u>

    Dr. Alan Bernstein, Valdosta State University
    Joy Bolt, University of North Georgia
    Dr. Lisa Carmichael, Georgia Southern University
    Kathy Davies, Augusta State University
    Dr. Julius Fleschner, Georgia Highlands College
    Debbie Holmes, Coastal College of Georgia
    Tamatha Lambert, Middle Georgia State University
    Dr. Leslie Sharp, Georgia Institute of Technology
    Andrea Stanfield, University of West Georgia
    Jeff Steely, Georgia State University
    Melissa Whitesell, Dalton State College
    Barry Robinson representing Dr. Toby Graham, University of Georgia

    <u>**University System of Georgia/GALILEO/GIL:**</u>

    Lucy Harrison, Russell Palmer, John Stephens, Sean Purcell, and Sean Boyle

Agenda and Minutes

Chair Andrea Stanfield called the meeting to order and Lucy Harrison called roll.

Andrea asked for a motion to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Jeff Steely made the motion to approve and Dr. Leslie Sharp seconded. The agenda and minutes were approved.

GIL/ALMA Updates (Sean Boyle)

- Full GIL/ALMA [Activities report] is available on the GALILEO website.
    Support>About>Data & Statistics >Activity Report.
- Resource Sharing/Fulfillment training has been completed.
- Shawn shared FY22 Goal updates.
    – Explore Alma Cloud App development opportunities
    – Alma Last Copy app updated for Primo VE (request from another consortia)
    – Evaluate different resource sharing models/platforms - AFN, ReShare, etc.
    – Sandbox config is done and testing may begin in spring 2022

    – Improve and standardize processes for patron loading
    USG Ticket to export all faculty/staff patron file from PeopleSoft (pending)

USG ITS folks working on process to transfer file from PeopleSoft to Albany State (student)
Hopefully could apply same process to faculty/staff
Testing faculty/staff patron load app with Augusta

Plans for GaTech and NZ (Sean Boyle)

- ExLibris ran USG / GT analysis in the NZ and GT sandbox using the OCLC # $a and $z as match points. The goal was to get idea of match percentage
  Results:
    – Records processed: 1,477,653
    – Number of records successfully linked: 757,427
    – Rate of linking success: 51.25%
    – Number of records failed to link: 720,226
        • Number of records that failed to match that have a valid OCLC number, so are truly unique records: 433,000
    – Number of records with multi-match: 22,259

- Further analysis of results indicated:
    - Non-matching records/unique items estimated to be around 433K. These are likely truly unique.
      Remaining non-match records – 280K
    – Multi-match records are a known post-migration issue/project

    – Final decision - Add GT to NZ configs, but leave records unlinked. Newberry Library in CARLI is an example. This allows for better integration into Fulfillment Network, better analytics access, and requires no changes to current FN loans/charges.

Primo VE (Sean Boyle)

USG and GT worked with ExLibris on project timeline and kicked off GO VE in the NZ and IZs on 10/18. USG and GT will continue their work on configs, testing, etc.
 Current go live: February 21, 2022

- About Primo VE
    – Primo utilizes Alma platform (No more renorms, Back Office)
    – Seamless publishing (no more publishing every 6 hrs.)
    – Local control options when desired (scopes, etc.)
- Migration work/considerations
    – GIL staff will handle configuration centrally
    – GT configuring separately with GIL assistance
    – Pausing Primo Enhancement requests

- Primo VE environment built using production data https://galileo-kennesaw.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01GALI_KENNESAW:KSU_V1
- More flexibility with external data sources (import ArchivesSpace records?)
- Primo VE analytics would reside in Alma rather than back office of Primo.
- Will have a universal catalog

RFI Update (Lucy Harrison)

RFI Plans
These were modeled on OhioLINK and MSU
- Use broad descriptions rather than specific functionality
- Ask respondents to address specific user stories / use cases
- Focus on essential / day 1 functionality
- Ask respondents to identify missing gaps rather than confirm every area
- Ask about collaboration and scaling
- Ask about architectural options and system requirements
- No formal price quote, but baseline or standard rates for hosting and development

RFI Timeline
- Posted August 27 and questions were due September 10 (6 received)
- Final submissions due October 8 (4 received)
    - Evergreen: Equinox and Emerald Data
    - FOLIO: EBSCO and Index Data
- RFI committee is reviewing all documents and will give a summary / recommendation for Fall RACL (November 16)
- RFP will kick off sometime in 2022 (?)

Key Dates/Timings
- July 1, 2023 and 2024: Ex Libris pricing increases 3%
- June 30, 2025: Last day of current Ex Libris terms
    As we consider a timeline for the RFP and implementation, it will take:

    ~12 months: Time to complete full RFP (RFI has taken 6 months)
     6 – 9 months: Time to plan for transition and implementation
     18 – 24 months: Time to implement new system

With the renewal of our original contract in 2019-20, the timeline below was developed.

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At this point, we are 1 ½ years into the 5-year timeline.

The Next ~~Five~~ 3.5 Years

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If we stay with the existing timeline, leaving us 3/5 years:
- Saves us money more quickly
- If current vendor selected, new terms starting 7/2023
- If new platform selected, Go Live Summer 2025:
    - Would require some overlapping work
    - May require some "crashing" of schedule
    - Some risk that needed development may not get identified until RFP (so could still be delayed)
- Need to get started now to release RFP by mid-Spring

4.5 Year Plan

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2024-25	Final year of renewed terms	Moving to new system (if necessary) Kick off Summer 2024
2025-26	Extended terms (?)	Moving to new system (if necessary) Go Live Summer 2026

- Delays cost savings by a year
- If current vendor selected, new terms 7/2024
- If new platform selected, Go Live 7/2026:
  - More time to plan and act
  - More time for open source to mature
  - Some risk that current vendor will not agree to extension at reasonable terms
  - Still a risk that some needed development may not get identified until RFP (so could still be delayed even further)
- Planning for RFP would start this summer

RFI Discussion at RACL
- Overview and recommendation from RFI team
  - Are the systems ready to meet our needs
  - Concerns about missing functionality
  - Recommendation on timing of RFP
- Full discussion at RACL meeting (process, stakeholders, pros/cons, committee members)
- Decision on timing of RFP
- Note: Releasing an RFP does NOT mean we have to commit to an implementation date. Full RFP is open to any vendor (commercial vendors or Open Source).

Lucy shared that if OCLC responded as a vendor for RFP, she would likely need to recuse herself from RFP process due to her membership on the ICOLC board. Sean Boyle already on RFI team and Barry Robinson have agreed to step in should this be the case.

Based on initial RFI responses, we may save significantly by selecting an Open Source LMS.

A request was made for an executive summary documenting cost-saving measures being explored or implemented by GIL/GALILEO. Deans and directors could share with their respective Provosts prior to budget hearings. Lucy may meet with VPAAs at their next RAC session to provide this information and other updates.

Fall RACL Meeting – Nov. 16
Lucy shared draft agenda items for the meeting:

- RFI Discussion
- GALILEO Portal
- Yewno case study (Kennesaw)
- Update from Information Literacy group
- Licensing (resource fees; e-journals; HathiTrust)
- EDS interface plans?
- Resource sharing plans?
- Post-tenure review/student success?

Other Member Updates

Leslie Sharp reported that Georgia Tech has a new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Outreach, Dr. Aisha Johnson. Their library also has two open positions: systems librarian and electronic librarian.

Lisa Carmichael requested procedural documents for withdrawing USG library materials. She asked deans and directors to share their collection development policies. Georgia Southern has two new faculty members at their libraries in the positions of Associate Dean for Research and Assessment and Head of Library Systems and Technologies.

Adjournment

Tamatha Lambert made motion to adjourn and Leslie Sharp seconded.