RACL Spring 2014 Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2014
Middle Georgia State College, Macon Campus

Attendees
Alan Bernstein, Pat Borck, Laura Burtle, David Evans, Mary Jo Fayoyin, Lorene Flanders, Mark Flynn, Doug Frazier, Debbie Holmes, Ru Story Huffman, Lydia Knight, Michael Luther, Frank Mahitab, Amanda Mckenzie, LaVerne McLaughlin, Bede Mitchell, Joe Mocnik, Catherine Murray-Rust, Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, Deborah Prosser, Robert Quarles, Katherine Quinnell (for G. Baker), Susan Ralph, Gene Ruffin, Brenda Rutherford, Elijah Scott, Brenda Seago, Jacqueline Vickers, Mary Washington, Curt Carver (guest), Bill Clayton (guest), Argent Gibson (guest)

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am by LaVerne McLaughlin, Chair.

1) **Minutes:**
   The November 15, 2013 minutes were approved as amended (addition of Brenda Rutherford to list of attendees).

2) **Elections:**
   Bill Potter presented a slate of candidates: Bede Mitchell for Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Amanda McKenzie for Secretary, and Deborah Prosser for Member-at-Large. The slate was elected unanimously.

3) **New or Notable:**
   Mary Jo Fayoyin implemented a mobile librarian service at SSU.
   David Evans, Kennesaw State – reported on the consolidation and a joint staff meeting that was held.
   Susan Ralph, Bainbridge – completed the National Endowment for the Humanities series.
   Alan Bernstein, Valdosta State – the library science program was reaccredited for 7 years; the program will go to Education.
   Lorene Flanders, West Georgia – renovation received the Georgia AIA citation award.
   LaVerne McLaughlin, Albany – renovated 2nd floor of library.
   Frank Mahitab was appointed library director at Fort Valley State University.

4) **Guest Panelists:**
   Julia Zimmerman (previous chair of RACL), Dean of University Libraries, Florida State University
   1. Julia presented on *the Florida Virtual Campus and the Evolution of Florida's Higher Education Consortium*. She discussed the Florida Center for Library Automation (1982) and the College Center for Library Automation (1989). In 2010 the Taskforce on the Future of Florida's Academic Libraries submitted a plan for merging the two organizations.
   John Helmer, Executive Director, Orbis Cascade Alliance
   2. John's presentation was titled *Excitement in the Pacific Northwest*. The Orbis Cascade Alliance has 37 member colleges, universities and community colleges. His group is

working on a strategic plan called Work Smart, Design for Engagement, Innovation to Transform. They are collaborating to customize. Four big projects are 1. Moving from a legacy to a next generation ILS; 2. Moving 37 organizations to 1 catalog; 3. Shared discovery; 4. Collaborative technical services.

5) **RACL Assessment Task Force Committee Presentation (see handout for more details):**
Craig Schroer, University of West Georgia
Michael Luther, Kennesaw State University
Sonya Shepherd, Georgia Southern University

6) **Special Recognition:**
LaVerne McLaughlin read proclamations recognizing the retirement of Susan Ralph for her 8 years of service at Bainbridge College and Bill Potter for his 25 years of service at UGA.

7) **Next Generation Library System Planning Update:**
Elijah Scott said that seven functional committees have been working and that there would be six online demos.

8) **GUGM:**
Elijah Scott announced that Amy Burger from North Georgia was coordinating the May 15 conference at Middle Georgia. The theme is Innovative Solutions and Houston Davis will speak.

9) **GKR/Open Access:**
Gene Ruffin announced that Georgia Tech has agreed to host the metadata site until December 2014. Jackie attended the SPARC meeting in Kansas City and is currently involved in outreach.

10) **E-Books:**
Mark Flynn, Columbus State – The committee is working on a plan to meet the expectations for the use of dollars. They are looking at the top 40 core courses, textbooks used and publishers of those textbooks.

11) **Library Services**
Merryll Penson distributed handouts on Affordable Learning Georgia and Galileo Activities. She said the strategic plan needs to be updated.

12) **Executive Director Search**
Bill Potter, UGA, announced that Merryll has agreed to stay until June 30, 2015.

13) **Update from Curt Carver, CIO**
   1. We need to take advantage of this funding opportunity for e-textbooks.
   2. TeachNet will expand to K-12.
   3. Intrusive advising will be taking place as part of the Complete College Georgia initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm