

REGENTS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES (RACL)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Alan M Bernstein
Andrea Stanfield
Barry K Robinson
Bradley Warren
Debbie Holmes
Deena Anderson
Jeff Steely
John Stephens
Joy Bolt
Julius Fleschner
Leslie Sharp

Lisa Carmichael
Lucy Harrison
Melissa Whitesell
Mike White
P Toby Graham
Russell Palmer
Sean Boyle
Sean C Purcell
Sonya Gaither
Tamatha Lambert

Agenda and Minutes

Andrea Stanfield called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Jeff Steely made the motion to approve, and Leslie Sharp seconded. Andrea Stanfield made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Joy Bolt seconded. The agenda and minutes were approved.

Member Updates

Julius Fleschner (Georgia Highlands College) reported there will be a new learning commons at the Marietta campus. A job posting for an Associate Librarian position will be sent out soon.

Toby Graham (UGA) shared there was a groundbreaking on March 3 for an experiential learning center at the Wormsloe site on the coast. Experiential Learning Center will expand educational opportunities at the Center for Research and Education at Wormsloe. Construction will hopefully be completed by late fall 2022.

Brad Warren (Augusta University) said the Greenblatt Library will start new renovations in two weeks. The project will create a new entrance, coffee shop and expand the facility.

GIL/ALMA Updates

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

Primo VE

USG went live on March 7. It has been a fairly smooth transition.

- Redirects are in place – Reminder that institutions need to update permalinks and search boxes
- Sandboxes are available
- There is a new open base URL – Republished EDS and are in the process of republishing Google Scholar
- Issues Identified:
 - Item requesting: issue with pickup/library dropdown – this was a CSS issue and a fix has been deployed
 - Plethora of 856 fields – a new normalization rule was set to wipe 856 fields is in place and a clean-up of NZ will begin on Monday.
 - Authentication issues are mostly resolved
 - OPAC and Cataloging team utilizing OPAC Change Request Trello board – <https://trello.com/b/q7au1tuB/primo-opac-change-requests>

RFP Update

RFP Project Plan

Committees/teams for the project:

Planning
Evaluation
Observer
Negotiation

Tentative timeline:

Planning phase – January – March/April 2022
Posting phase – April-June 2022
Evaluation phase – July –October 2022
Negotiation phase – November 2022- February 2023

Planning Phase (January - March/April 2022)

Weekly meetings began Feb. 3. The Committee reps and committees held additional meetings when needed. Everyone signed confidentiality forms and will probably be required of most library staff at some point.

RFP Draft work

Developed informational narrative and provided USG statistics such as library size, circ stats, FTE, holdings, etc. The committee members developed and/or reviewed requirements for the RFP by Mar. 3.

Committee worked to dedup/consolidate requirements by Mar. 17. Members worked across functional areas and identified mandatory scored vs. additionally scored requirements.

Next Steps

- Will clean-up requirements draft
- Determine Cost/Functionality split
- Assign points to each functional area
A percentage of total points will be determined and committees will assign points to the requirements by the week of Mar. 25.
- Establish scoring guidelines
- Provide RACL/Stakeholders with approved update – April 2022

RFP Cost/Functionality Split

We can decide the split we prefer (functionality/price). This has no impact on the number of questions we include in the RFP. Other ILS RFPs from other organizations have a range from 70/30 to 90/10.

Sonya proposed a 65 (functionality) / 35 (cost) split and Toby felt something in 30-35% range. Jeff recommended a heavy split weighted in favor of price. The split is a way to send a message to respondents letting them know how serious USG is regarding cost savings. Lucy provided background on how we came to the point of posting a RFP. There was a question whether USG library employees would be willing/tolerate migrating to a new system. General consensus was that a migration would be accepted.

A question was posed regarding the criteria used by other organizations to determine their chosen range. One institution had a split based on demo/functionality/cost. After further discussion, Sonya made a motion to accept the 65 (functionality) / 35 (cost) split. Jeff seconded the motion. All approved.

There will be a full update at the RACL meeting in April.

Other Updates

GUGM Update

The meeting will be held May 17-19. The keynote speaker will be Kyle Courtney. There will be 11 sessions from the USG community. Ex Libris will give an overview of planned MetaDoor service.

GIL Fees

Lucy sent out an email to full RACL members and reminded all that RACL agreed to use the previous year circulation numbers to calculate fees.

RACL Assessment Task Force was folded into the regular committee process

New “GPA only” option in addition to Freshman Index in order to address issue of lack of testing requirements impact on registration/retention.

Spring Full RACL meeting will be held virtually on April 22.

RACL Exec Election Process will need to be completed within next few months.

Adjournment

Leslie Sharp made the motion to adjourn and Julius Fleschner seconded.