

**REGENTS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES (RACL)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2022**

ATTENDEES:

Alan M Bernstein
Barry K Robinson
Bradley Warren
David Seamus Narron
Debbie Holmes
Jeff Steely
John Stephens
Joshua Walker Wier
Joy Bolt

Julius Fleschner
Leslie Sharp
Lisa Carmichael
Lucy Harrison
P Toby Graham
Russell Palmer
Sean Boyle
Sean C Purcell
Tamatha Lambert

Agenda and Minutes

Julius Fleschner called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Toby Graham made the motion to approve, and Tamatha Lambert seconded. Alan Bernstein made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Tamatha Lambert seconded. The agenda and minutes were approved.

Member Updates

Julius Fleschner is in the process of reorganization at Georgia Highland. He is working on professional development with instructional librarians and has encouraged his team to take one week of remote time to focus on a specific project. A chair of library services position (tenure-track faculty) is posted as well as Public Services Associate.

Toby Graham said the renovation of Shirley Matheson science library building begins on Monday and will be the first of a multi-phase renovation. Emily Gore has joined as Associate University Librarian at UGA. She previously served as director of content at the Digital Public Library of America, and assistant dean for digital initiatives and technology infrastructure at University of Tennessee Libraries.

Brad Warren (Augusta University) is balancing the challenges of being an inaugural dean. He is developing a senior leadership team and there is a small renovation taking place in the library.

Several stated they are experiencing difficulty in filling open positions. There is variation among USG institutions as to whether the \$5000 COLA could be included in new contracts.

GIL/ALMA Updates (Sean Boyle)

MetaDoor – ExLibris initiative

Create a repository of free catalog records sourced from National Libraries, CZ records, and participating Alma institutions

Allows users to search for records in Alma and import records directly

Shows "owned" records as well as contributed records

Records can overlay existing records or create new ones

Participating libraries can set up automated enrichment processes, local record preferences can be set at IZ and NZ level (existence of OCLC#, language, etc.)

Metadoor uses algorithm based on breadth (does this field exist?) and depth (how many of a certain field exist?) to give records a 0-100 score

- Currently in development (2 consortia, 5-6 institutions)
- For USG, at the present this is probably more of a complement, not replacement, to OCLC
- Other libraries/consortia may see this as a replacement
- Limited/no resource sharing, no authority control
- Ex Libris needs to meet 2 goals before going live with the product:
 - Finish developing the product (end of 2022)
 - Get enough Alma institutions to agree to share their records (targeting 2023)
- On June 21st Cataloging Team leadership will propose to CAT team that we agree to share USG NZ records
- RFP results may decide how we approach MetaDoor when it goes live

GIL FY22 Project Updates

ArchivesSpace

- GIL is currently testing ArchivesSpace integration with Alma/Primo VE
- Import multiple test records in sandbox which requires conversion from Dublin Core to XML
- Working with Special Collections on field mapping/display and workflows
- Georgia Archives is interested in moving Manuscript records from Alma to ArchivesSpace
 - Working with them to identify records then test export/import process
 - They would eventually like to also connect ArchivesSpace and Primo VE

FY22 Committee Updates

Assessment : Updates made to the Data Visualization PowerPoint on the GIL Wiki

Acquisitions : Updated GES document developed (Primo VE edits)

Cataloging : Updated Series and Related Titles display fields (Primo VE)

GALILEO Portfolio Analysis : considering replacements for WestLaw

GKR : Item published in the Southeastern Librarian News from the States column

<https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1975&context=seln>

OPAC : continuing to work on a variety of Primo VE fixes and enhancements

Special Collections : ArchivesSpace integration with Alma/Primo

Fulfillment : GIL Express Lost Item Billing Fee

- Committee surveyed USG; 18 institutions responded
- Roughly half of institutions either don't change the processing fee or waive it in most instances (patron and institutional billing)
- Many of the survey respondents felt the processing fee should be eliminated altogether
- Fulfillment committee agrees and proposes to RACL that the \$35 fee be eliminated from GIL Express lost item billing

Brad Warren moved to eliminate the fee. Alan Bernstein seconded the motion.

Toby Graham recommended that there be a future discussion about eliminating fees/billing between USG libraries. The motion passed to eliminate the \$35 GIL Express lost item fee, and an implementation update will be sent out to institutions.

Full committee reports available [here](#).

FY23 Committee Tasks

Vice-chair Nominees/Vacancies

- Acquisitions/ERM - Vacant
- Assessment (soon to be Analytics) - Ken Smith (Valdosta)
- Cataloging – Julie Darken (UGA)
- Fulfillment – Vacant
- GALILEO Portfolio Analysis - Vacant
- Georgia Knowledge Repository – Lauren Bellard (Georgia State)
- OPAC – Jeff Mortimore (GA Southern)
- Special Collections – Vacant

Leslie Sharp moved to change the name of the Assessment committee to Analytics committee and Lisa Carmichael seconded. Motion was approved.

Julius Fleschner moved to approve the existing slate of vice-chair nominees. Joy Bolt seconded and the motion was approved. GALILEO/GIL staff will work to fill the vacant positions and a vote on those positions will be held later.

There is still a need for a Chair for GALILEO Portfolio Analysis

GUGM Debrief

250 registered attendees
972: Session attendee total (vs. 893 in 2021)
3.8: Avg sessions per attendee
73%: Rate of attendance (vs. 74% in 2021)
92.9% of ratings were positive (146/157)

GUGM will likely be held virtual again next year.

New RACL Exec Members

Melissa Whitesell - Dalton State College: chair-elect
Angiah Davis - Gordon State College: secretary
LaVerne McLaughlin - Albany State University: at-large
David Edens - Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College: at-large

Julius Fleschner made the motion and Leslie Sharp seconded the motion to approve the new RACL Exec officers. The motion was approved.

RFP Update

RFP Project Plan

Committees/teams for the project:

Planning
Evaluation
Observer
Negotiation

Timeline:

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

Posting Team

- Met when vendor questions are posted – June 1st, 2022
- June 2 – 15 – Vendor questions will be forwarded to committee as they arrive.
- June 15 – Deadline for vendors to submit questions
- June 21 and 27, time TBD – GIL RFP Planning Committee will meet and review all questions
- June 29 – Deadline for our committee to submit answers to vendors

- End of June – Our GIL RFP Planning Committee will transition into a smaller Evaluation committee. Information regarding the final composition will be provided soon.

RFP Key Goals and Timeline

- June 29 – Eval team to provide answers
- End of June –GIL RFP Planning Committee will transition into a smaller Evaluation Committee. Information regarding the final composition will be provided soon.
- July 27 – Close RFP
- August 26 – Eval Team scoring deadline
- September 26 – Oct 7 – Virtual Vendor Demonstrations (2 days per vendor, each day 2 breaks and lunch break, general sessions based on functional areas (1-2 hours each) 1 hour at the end for vendor to cover anything they feel was skipped)
- September Oct 7 - 13 – Demo Observers complete survey
- Late October – Determine which vendors to negotiate with
- Early Spring 2023 – Finalize contract with vendor

Other Updates

ICOLC SOCLC Report

Committee developing a report to elaborate on how libraries might interact with OCLC and vendors in a different way. Some ideas include:

- Improve vendor contracts to ensure budget collaboration opportunities
- Design (support?) Engage with ? alternative solutions
- Fund the future we need

Plans for In-Person Meeting

Julius asked for thoughts regarding a face-to-face meeting next year, likely for spring meeting. Leslie offered to host a meeting and Julius will send out a survey to membership.

RACL Exec Members Leaving

Melissa Whitesell (was secretary, now chair-elect)
 Joy Bolt (was at-large)
 Alan Bernstein (was at-large)
 Tamatha Lambert (was past chair)

Lucy thanked members that were transitioning off of the Executive committee.

Adjournment

Leslie Sharp made the motion to adjourn and Toby Graham seconded.