

RACL Executive Committee Meeting

December 9, 2022

Member Attendance:

Dr. Lisandra Carmichael, Georgia Southern University
David Edens, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Julius Fleschner, Georgia Highlands College (Chair)
Dr. Toby Graham, University of Georgia
Lucy Harrison, Board of Regents
Debbie Holmes Coastal College of Georgia
LaVerne McLaughlin, Albany State University
Russell Palmer, Board of Regents
Dr. Leslie Sharp, Georgia Institute of Technology
Andrea Stanfield, University of West Georgia
Jeff Steely, Georgia State University
Brad Warren, Augusta University
Melissa Whitesell, Dalton State College

GALILEO/GIL Staff Attendance:

Deena Anderson, Sean C Purcell, Barry K Robinson, Sean Boyle, John Stephens, Jason T. Steele, Joshua Walker Wier, Mike White

Welcome, Roll, Minutes

Chair Julius Fleschner welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 10:30. Lucy Harrison took roll. Toby Graham motioned for the minutes from the RACL Exec meeting on 8/26/2022 to be approved, Leslie Sharp seconded. Minutes approved. Leslie Sharp motioned for the agenda for today's meeting to be approved, LaVerne McLaughlin seconded, and the agenda was approved.

General GALILEO Updates

Lucy Harrison provided some information on upcoming meetings. Currently GALSTEER/RACL Exec are scheduled to meet January 13 and March 10, 2023. However, there will be little updated information to share at the January meeting. After discussion, Chair Julius Fleschner made the decision to cancel the January Meeting. We will meet next in March as RACL Exec, followed by a Full RACL meeting on April 21 (in person, MGSU).

As a reminder, GUGM will be held (virtually) May 16-18, 2023. Due to GALILEO's current RFP process, we will not start planning the conference until February 2023, at the earliest. Keynote speakers: TBD. GALILEO Annual Conference will be held in person June 14, 2023 at Middle Georgia State University. Attendance will be capped at 150 people. Call for proposals will be sent out February 2023. Reaching out to keynote speakers now

Lucy provided an update on the Inclusive Access program. So far we have spoken with other state initiatives, spoken with USG institutions, and reported to EVCs at the system office. The recommendation to allow opt-out inclusive access has so far been received favorably. It does NOT require policy change, just a wording change in the BOR Business Process Manual. Next step is to present to Chancellor next week, and then hopefully get the process updated and negotiate some statewide discounts.

If anyone is interested in testing some new software from Helper Systems please let us know. It does require access to a Mac. Lucy will send out additional information soon.

Affordable Materials Round 22 Grants have been awarded.

- 14 institutions, 29 projects, over \$498,000 in awards

- 16 Transformation Grants, 13 Continuous Improvement Grants
- Transformation Grant savings over \$736,000 per year

Affordable Materials Grants Round 23 is now open, applications due January 30, 2023. Apply at: <https://affordablelearninggeorgia.org/> . A redesign of the ALG website is also nearing completion

RFP Update (Lucy)

The RFP for a new ILS is in the Negotiation Phase (with some evaluation still remaining). We are now working mostly with a smaller team (Jeff Steely, Sonya Gaither, Lucy, Sean B., Barry). We are in negotiations with remaining (2) vendors. "Pre-negotiation" meetings were conducted 12/5, when we walked through our issues/concerns and any 0 or 1 ratings with each vendor separately. We will follow up with full negotiation meetings January 26 and 30, where the vendors will present their answers to those questions and concerns. They will also need to provide full written responses within 48 hours of those meetings. The full evaluation team will review vendor responses and the negotiation team will re-score selected answers (including pricing). There MAY be additional negotiation talks (or not). As a reminder, we can only award to the vendor with the highest point score. We are still eyeing a Feb/March decision but that is flexible.

GIL/Alma Updates (Sean B.)

Sean provided brief GIL Committee updates in the following areas:

- Acquisitions
 - Testing Primo Feedback tool
 - Discussing HathiTrust promotion
- Analytics
 - Created shared folder (in Alma Analytics) of commonly used reports
 - Reviewing ExLibris OAS (Oracle Analytics server) upgrade notes/presentation
- Cataloging
 - Surveying usage of 035 field in CZ records (for CZ Mgmt Group)
- Fulfillment
 - ILL Subcommittee surveyed libraries regarding fines/fees practices
 - ILL Subcommittee will begin looking at ILLiad/Alma integration again
 - Committee finished damaged slip procedures as well as wiki/website updates
- GALILEO Portfolio Analysis
 - Presented RACL with results of statewide survey of license costs
- GKR
 - Working on new mission/vision/charge statement
- OPAC
 - Number of new UX changes made to Primo
 - Background color for USG holdings
 - Relabel "headings" and change font (larger and bold) - Location, USG, etc.
 - CSS for links – blue text with arrow
 - Label change – Loanable to "Sign in for Availability"
 - New button styling

There may still be a need for a new vice chair for the USG Portfolio analysis group. Sean will check with the Chair. Lucy also mentioned that the central subscription for Atmire DSpace (which we license for a handful of libraries) may need to go out for bid. Leslie said GaTech is likely going to need to do the same.

Bento Update (Russell)

Russell provided some updates on the progress toward the December 19 release and demoed the new functionality. New filters and refinement options have been added to the Bento pages, and there are new options to link directly to those pages for embedding in local websites. We will also be using a new direct API to access DLG results within the Bento (rather than relying on the EBCSO API). Josh indicated that they are also hoping to include a new direct API for the Civil Rights Digital Library in this release.

Discussion: OCLC Visibility Subscription?

The group discussed whether they would like to get a quote for an OCLC Visibility Subscription, which would restore our holdings to the free, public version of WorldCat.org. Since GALSTEER met last week, we have learned that neither GPLS nor TCSG are interested in proceeding. The pricing is approximately half of a full FirstSearch subscription. Also, we have a philosophical objection to paying for this service at all. Decision: we will not be requesting a quote.

Member Updates

Julius Fleschner announced that they have two open entry-level positions at Georgia Highlands library posted.

Debbie Holmes (Coastal College of Georgia) asked if anyone else had been asked (by their IT department apparently at the request of the Chancellor) to provide some information about software used in the library. Some others had also received the same or similar request. Lucy and others at the system office were not familiar with this specific request. It appears to perhaps be an effort to gather information on what might be negotiated centrally, and/or to identify things that need to be better integrated with other college software.

Brad Warren has a number of positions open at Augusta, including an entry-level student success position; a special collections position; a director-level position that will post next week; and an access services position that will post soon. The renovation of their Greenblatt library is nearing completion, though shipping and manufacturing logistical issues have resulted in some delays. They will be closing for two weeks over the break to finalize the work. Augusta also received some additional funding for collections.

Georgia Tech also has a number of open positions (<https://library.gatech.edu/about/jobs>) including a metadata librarian, director of development, HR business partner, and public services associate.

No other updates were provided.

Business being concluded, LaVerne McLaughlin motioned to adjourn, and Leslie Sharp seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.