

**RACL Fall Minutes – BOR Office - OIIT Headquarters Building –
Athens, Georgia**

November 9, 2007

Tamera P. Lee, Chair of RACL, opened the meeting with a welcome to new library directors and introductions. Victoria Horst has left ABAC and the interim replacement is Aaron Wimer who sent regrets that he cannot be here.

Leadership Institutes

Three colleagues shared their insights on institutes of leadership in which they had personally engaged. The Leadership Institutes Panel consisted of:

- Toby Graham, Director of the Digital Library Georgia, University of Georgia – Frye Leadership Institute
- Gene Ruffin, Director, Georgia Gwinnett College- Harvard Leadership Institute
- Rachel Schipper, Director, Georgia College and State University - Peabody Leadership Institute

They shared information about the locations, costs, length of time, and camaraderie among members of the groups.

Valdosta State University Library School Update – George Gaumond summarized his state-ment by telling a bit of history of the library school. Fifteen years passed between the committee’s concept and the assignment of accreditation by ALA in 2007. He noted that the challenges in growth include the need to expand teaching faculty and the need to locate spaces for a relationship be-tween faculty and students outside of Valdosta. Other challenges include: funding; providing scholarships; the need to increase endowment for scholarships; meeting the demand in Georgia; and establishing an identity. Ways that we can help the new Library Program include encouraging our staffers and others to apply to the School; requesting information about available spaces on our campuses for the courses; then contacting him about those spaces.

Lunch-time Sharing Sessions - RACL members were divided into groups, based on the types of libraries represented and discussed various topics. Each group prepared a prioritized list of challenges for the particular type of school. Following lunch, issues and concerns were shared with the broader group.

Ray Calvert reported for the 2-Year College Group
Angela Mehaw– State Colleges
Laura Burtle – Research Libraries
Shawn Tonner – State University Libraries

Topics included security, staffing, budgets, and collections.

USG Library Staff Exchange Program - Callie McGinnis reported on the “Trading Libraries” Program. There were 20 participants (8 librarians and 12 staffers). There was enough interest in the program that Callie was asked to organize the program again for spring 2008.

Academic Affairs Update – Highlights of the September 27, 2007 meeting of Academic Committee Chairs were given by Mary Jo Fayoyin who attended for Tamera.

GALILEO Upgrade – Merryll Penson provided a status report on the GALILEO Upgrade and gave a demo of GALILEO Scholar, the new default interface for academic libraries. She suggested that we try it out next week and provide feedback.

RACL Business meeting was conducted by Tamera Lee.

- Minutes of March 16, 2007 (Spring RACL) were approved.
- Nursing Resources – Debbie Holmes announced that the Nursing Resources Survey was completed and she thanked those who participated.
- GALILEO Tutorial Transition to WIKI –Debbie Holmes reported on the work of the committee reviewing the GALILEO Tutorial. The group is recommending that the Tutorial transition to a Wiki.

We wanted to address unanswered issues:

- a) Basics: What do we need? What are expected learning outcomes?
- b) What kind of WIKI do we want?
- c) What time-frame shall be used?

Debbie indicated that there are many unknowns in regard to these issues. Expectations and attention could be given to this in Winter Semester.

- **USG Collections Storage** - Ann Hamilton gave a report on Georgia Southern's new ARC and its capacity. By next fall, the library building renovation should be complete and Georgia Southern is willing to consider storage of other library's materials for a fee.

- **GKR/ IMLS Grant** – Rich Meyer and Bill Potter with the help of Toby Graham, Co-Chair of the GKR Working Group, described an opportunity for RACL. Rich indicated that Georgia Tech is willing to author a grant proposal for a national leadership demonstration grant to be submitted to IMLS for support of the GKR. It could amount to \$1 million. Tyler Walters at Tech would be Principal Investigator. In addition, the University of Georgia Press would be a participant, bring along significant scholarly content. The Grant is due on February 1, 2008. Toby indicated a meeting would be held on November 30, at OIIT for additional discussion and feedback on the proposal.

Rich presented a draft of a letter of support from RACL which he asked the group to approve. In essence, the letter “endorses the proposal of Georgia Tech and its partners for an IMLS National Leadership grant to support the GALILEO Knowledge Repository (GKR).” Tamera called for a motion and took a vote. It passed unanimously. Tamera P. Lee as Chair of RACL will sign on RACL's behalf.

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- Executive Director for Library Services Update - Merryll Penson.
 - Merryll introduced the GALILEO Support Services Staff and the Director of Georgia HomePlace who all work at OIIT and provided a report of the activities since the spring 2007 RACL meeting.
 - Courseware Library Resources Working Group – The working group is just beginning its work. SFX and other tools are now available which can help us integrate with courseware. The group heard from Ross Singer, former developer at GA Tech who had worked on integration of library resources with Sakai, the open source courseware system that Tech is using.
 - The travel grant that GIL provided was based on applying for the Bon Voyage grant provided through Endeavor. That grant (Bon Voyage) no longer exists. It went away with the incorporation of Endeavor into ExLibris. ENDUSER no longer exists. Voyager users are expected to participate in ExLibris Users of North America (ELUNA). It does not have the equivalent of the Bon Voyage grant, so a subcommittee of the GIL Coordinating Committee is reworking the grant application.
 - GIL User Group Meeting is scheduled for May15, 2008 at Fort Valley. The group has identified Peter Morville, author of Ambient Findability as a potential speaker. Merryll indicated that there is some support from SUN and some from ExLibris for the conference and asked if she is not able to get additional support from OIIT, would the group be open to raising the conference fee to cover the speaker. No vote was taken but nodding of heads indicated consensus.
 - Bills will be coming to us for GIL and GALILEO upgrades.
 - GALILEO Costs Beyond the Upgrade. This is the third year of the 3-year upgrade plan for software licenses for SFX and MetaLib and WebFeat. However, ongoing maintenance must be covered, servers maintained and replaced. In addition, GALILEO needs additional development staff. There are

currently three positions: for resource integrations; servers replaced and maintained. We have three programmers: Brad Baxter; Mike Thomas for SFX/ MetaLib; and Bill Williamson for the New Georgia Encyclopedia. We have these persons through existing funds for GALILEO.

- Salaries needed to recruit are higher. GALILEO started with a very lean staff and there is very little back up on the staff side. Because of the decision to have mirrored sites with GSU and UGA, we are in better shape there.

Merryll reminded the group they agreed at the Spring meeting to continue to pay the same as they were paying for the upgrade. This would move the operations costs from \$3.00 per FTE to \$4.20 per FTE (central funding covers the \$3.00 per FTE). This would apply to all academic libraries.

A query came from Doug Frasier regarding the cost to upgrade GALILEO. Doug asked if the additional \$1.20 could come from the student technology fee and the answer was it depends on the institutions. There are a lot of uncertainties. Someone asked how many of us had experienced a budget increase to cover the cost of the GALILEO upgrade and about five hands were raised. OIIT provides some ongoing costs. However, said Merryll, we must have the increase or we'll need to remove Web feat/ SFX. We need to affirm our knowledge of the need to continue to pay the same amount as currently provided for the upgrade.

- Update on reorganization at OIIT - Tom Maier is now Vice Chancellor for Information Technology; Under the CIO is Kris Beisinger for Services and Reid Christenberry is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Operations. The new Senior Vice Chancellor started November 1st.
- The Spring Meeting is planned for March 6-7, 2008 in Augusta. The Marriott River Front is the hotel and Tamera suggested that we book early as the cut-off is February 15, 2008. On the list to be invited/ confirmed as our speaker is Dr. Daniel W. Rahn, M.D. He is the Sr. Vice Chancellor, Health and Medical Programs and the President, Medical College of Georgia. Tamera is working out the details of the

Spring Meeting. The theme of “Leadership” will be continued. David Singleton has been invited to speak about Pinnacle, the leadership program developed by GPLS. Tamera asked for other program ideas, suggestions.

Program topics might include: A History of the Masters’ in Augusta; Morris Art Museum is located in close proximity to the Marriott and we might want to visit it. Tamera asked that we email her any additional ideas. She thanked the group for coming and adjourned the meeting.

- Other. Callie McGinnis asked if the group was interested in discussing last copies and issues related to disposition bound journals which were no longer being used as much given availability of electronic formats or age. Tamera suggested that a Task Force might be appropriate to work out details and make recommendations. Callie agreed to chair the Task Force. Other members are Angela Mehaw, Lydia Knight, and Susan Ralph.

- Tamera asked that we email her any additional ideas for the Spring Meeting. She thanked the group for coming and adjourned the meeting.

A tour of the OIIT building was planned and members were invited to join in the lobby to take the tour.

Minutes submitted by
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