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**Regents Academic Committee on Libraries
Spring 2009 Meeting
March 27, 2009
Macon State College**

Attending:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College – Midge Galentine Steis
Albany State University – LaVerne McLaughlin
Armstrong Atlantic State University – Doug Frazier
Atlanta Metropolitan College – Robert Quarles
Augusta State University – Bill Nelson
Bainbridge College – Absent
Clayton State University – Gordon Baker
College of Coastal Georgia – Ray Calvert
Columbus State University – Absent
Dalton State College – Lydia F. Knight
Darton College – Mary Washington
East Georgia College – Carol Bray
Fort Valley State University – Absent
Gainesville State College – Angela Megaw
Georgia College and State University – Nancy Davis Bray
Georgia Gwinnett College – Gene Ruffin
Georgia Highlands College – Debbie Holmes
Georgia Institute of Technology – Catherine Murray-Rust
Georgia Perimeter College – Eva Lautemann
Georgia Southern University – W. Bede Mitchell
Georgia Southwestern State University – Vera Weisskopf
Georgia State University – Laura Burtle
Gordon College – Nancy Anderson
Kennesaw State University – Betty Childres
Macon State College – Felicia Haywood
Medical College of Georgia – David King
Middle Georgia College – Judy Ellis
North Georgia College and State University – Shawn Tonner
Savannah State University – Mary Jo Fayoyin
Southern Polytechnic State University – Joyce Mills
South Georgia College – Jacqueline Vickers
University of Georgia – Bill Clayton
University of West Georgia – Lorene Flanders
Valdosta State University – George Gaumont
Waycross College – Lynn Kelly
Board of Regents – Merryll S. Penson
Board of Regents – Deborah Shackelford
Guest – Kate Nevins, Lyrasis (SOLINET)

Nominating Committee Report – Mary Jo Fayoyin distributed ballots containing the names of nominees for the RACL Executive Committee positions of vice-chair/chair-elect, secretary, state university representative, and at large representative. The ballots also contained one proposed change to the bylaws, giving Georgia Tech a permanent seat on the RACL Executive Committee. Mary Jo solicited further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, attendees were asked to mark their ballots and turn them in.

The minutes of the fall 2008 RACL meeting were approved as submitted.

Guest Speaker: Kate Nevins, Lyrasis – Lyrasis was formed from the merger of SOLINET & PALINET, effective April 1. Its mission is to “serve libraries and cultural institutions wherever they may operate, deliver benefits of scale while maintaining local touch and member service, lead and innovate to help members realize their own org missions, while also strengthening and advocating for members as collaborative and central players in the information future.” Kate assured us Lyrasis will offer the same philosophy of support to members as did SOLINET.

The merger enables Lyrasis to combine the strengths of SOLINET and PALINET while at the same time controlling costs through selective consolidation. There is an expected 40% reduction in operating expenses due to consolidation and current economic conditions. Specific Lyrasis member benefits include expanded education & consulting programs, innovative technology solutions, increased purchasing power with vendors, increased visibility with grant funders, greater capacity for innovation, rapid implementation of new programs (watch for some announcements in the next 6 weeks), and extended networking opportunities.

Membership structure – The members who were SOLINET Governing & Associate will become Institutional (governing) members in Lyrasis. Board composition will be half SOLINET legacy members and half PALINET legacy members. There will be no change in dues for this year, and a committee is looking at the future dues structure. The OCLC surcharge is eliminated July 1, as OCLC will be paying Lyrasis directly. Kate Nevins will be CEO, and former PALINET exec director Cathy Wilt will be president and responsible for strategic planning. The headquarters will be in Atlanta, with a Philadelphia office and distributed staff in Delaware, North Carolina, Ohio, and Florida.

Education & Consulting programs will expand dramatically. E-Resources have expanded by 600, with more to come, they hope.

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Contracts have been conveyed to Lyrasis, so individual institutions need to determine whether their local governing organizations require changes in paperwork. Lyrasis's

FEIN tax number will be different from SOLINET's. Lyrasis invoices will replace SOLINET invoices on April 1. They will no longer provide Sole Source letters, but they have a sourcing letter that might suffice.

Kate wants to hear our concerns, questions, suggestions for new directions.

New OCLC business relationship: The new OCLC record use policy proposal is more restrictive of what libraries can do compared to the past. OCLC is surveying members for reactions; there is a link on SOLINET web site. Lamar Veatch is on the OCLC Study Group addressing the proposed policy. OCLC Members Council will consider all the Study Group and member survey comments before adopting a final policy on how records may be shared now and in the future.

July 1 OCLC governance – The Members Council is being divided according to different parts of the world. There will be regional councils, including the North American Council (which includes Central America). All the regionals will interact via a soon-to-be-defined Super Council. A committee is looking at how nominations for elections will be handled, but they will no longer come from regional networks like SOLINET/Lyrasis.

OCLC will no longer be working with members through regional cooperatives. The new business relationship between OCLC and cooperatives resulted from concerns over a lack of uniformity in services & pricing across the country and the world. There were also concerns about the lack of contracts between OCLC and members. OCLC will no longer recognize exclusivity arrangements, meaning if a library is not satisfied with its cooperative, it may seek services from another source. This means Lyrasis, AMIGOS, and others may compete for the business of any library. There will be standardized pricing with no coop surcharges.

OCLC will allow you to sign up with any RSP (Regional Service Provider). OCLC will also sign up libraries directly, so you don't have to go through an RSP. OCLC designates RSP as billing agents for fiscal management, so we will have to specify. OCLC will set up a 24x7 support service, so Lyrasis will wait to see when and how effectively this rolls out before reconsidering its help functions. Lyrasis will continue offering contracts and administrative services.

By July 2011 OCLC wants a direct contract with every member for whatever is being delivered by OCLC, whether that is only for using their product or also for support, training, and fiscal management services. Lyrasis will continue these and other services, so there will be membership benefits even if you don't use them for OCLC services.

Q & A: The OCLC switch from actual transaction pricing to historical activity pricing has been a problem for libraries that have not been increasing their activities. SOLINET can renegotiate for libraries only if their use has decreased 25% and experienced that over three years.

Information Literacy - Our proposed information literacy learning outcomes have been incorporated into the draft Core Curriculum Learning Goals (#3 Critical Thinking & #1 Communication Skills).

Empower Tutorial Tool - Debbie Holmes and some colleagues are attempting to adapt this tool for our use, and are looking for a good name. Some folks are using LibGuides and faculty members are embedding them in courses.

USG Copyright Policy Website - Laura Burtle reported on the new USG copyright policy and website, developed by a committee chaired by Bill Potter, with Nan Seamans also serving as a member. The USG is now committed to informing and educating students, faculty and staff about copyright law, so look for some online tutorials. There is a checklist faculty can use to make fair use determinations. Note the additional guidelines for electronic reserves. The onus is on instructors, not the library. Faculty must complete a fair use checklist before submitting material for electronic reserve. See the guidelines for further restrictions and required steps. Institutions will need to update their practices and reserve service descriptions. See Georgia State's new web page on course reserves, reflecting the new USG policy. The RACL Executive Committee will appoint a working group to develop a common set of statements and guidelines for all USG libraries to use in communicating the policy and encouraging compliance.

Binding - George Gaumond presented the draft statement and asked that it be adopted. He suggested a committee to investigate binderies so we will know what realistic options exist. George moved adoption and Bill Nelson seconded. The motion was approved. So we are on record as having taken into account the concerns of the Department of Administrative Services. Bill Nelson, Ray Calvert, and Doug Frazier volunteered to help George investigate other binders.

Disposing of Books - Bill Clayton reported for Bill Potter. Since we no longer have surplus centers in the state, and there are times when we need to deaccession materials, we can either transfer them or destroy them. But a law (Code 20-5-2, section K) exists giving the UGA library director the authority to dispose of materials no longer required, and selling them is an approved option. Bill P thinks we might find a vendor to accept such materials and give credits. So we could transfer unneeded books to UGA, they would "sell" them to a vendor, and the donating library would receive the credits. Bill wants volunteers to work with him to approach some vendors. Let him know if you can help.

E-collection Development – Shawn Tonner reported on the work of the Rachel Schipper and her 60+ member committee, which was divided into several working groups. They recommend we develop plans for communicating changes in GALILEO offerings, arguing that we need a consistent message across institutions, especially in explaining the reasons for cancellations. They analyzed and compared the Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw products, and recommended to the RACL Executive Committee that we not switch at this time. The subcommittee's work led to a reaffirmation that the GALILEO resources we have are worth keeping if possible. Some other resources were identified as desirable

when funding is available in the future. The committee was very productive, and their work greatly appreciated.

Election Results - Bede Mitchell, vice-chair/chair-elect; Eva Lautemann, secretary; Shawn Tonner, state university representative; Gene Ruffin, at large representative; and Georgia Tech will now have a permanent seat on the RACL Executive Committee. Mary Jo suggested we consider having a RACL Executive Committee seat for the growing state colleges category.

Strategic Planning Session – We considered three predictions about the future: are they likely to come to pass? What will be the implications for RACL, GIL and GALILEO?

Issue 1 – *In five years, GALILEO will have contracted dramatically due to the drift of common needs among constituents, the rising costs of organized information, and the diminishment of public funding.*

- “Dramatic” is an overstatement
- Not a prediction, but a possibility, need to be aware to address
- Rising costs of organizing information is true, diminishment of public funds is true, whether *GALILEO* contracts dramatically is a choice
- Is there a drift of common needs? Common needs have expanded as *GALILEO* has grown. Becoming more difficult to spend money for the greater good.
- Current example: Web of Science – there are only a few institutions where Web of Science is vital.
- Are there implications for a new governance structure? Are we in danger of having tensions between the USG and other communities? To what extent is *GALILEO*'S one pie budget going to be problematic?
- The value of the *GALILEO* product will shift as other products/vendors become more valuable.
- The credibility represented by the brand is worth much more than the product as we relate to administrations and the BOR.

Issue 2 - *Everything that is not digitized will be "invisible" in 5 years.*

- Not in 5 years, it's happening right now.
- What are the implications? What can or should we be doing?
- Should we be taking an active role in making things more visible?
- Agreement with statement because of the active efforts in digitization
- Not sure of the best way to collaboratively address the issue
- Maybe some way to link areas
- Google Books could result in an increase in use of books
- Google provides simple portal that doesn't require a lot of instruction. *GALILEO* requires many interfaces. Until there is a way to standardize on interfaces there will be a problem.
- How long will we need *GIL Express*? (*GALILEO*)

- Best to study the whole process
- Lot of money spent on library systems for things that are not digital? If things are invisible, what are we doing with our library systems?
- Important to look at up-coming patrons. What is their interpretation of what they're seeing? Technology of digital information is not quite there.

Issue 3 - *In 5 years, libraries will have given up on the "outreach librarian" model after faculty persistently show no interest in it. Successful libraries will have identified shared goals with teaching faculty and adapted themselves to work at the intersection of librarianship, information technology and instructional technology. [from Taiga]*

- Outreach librarian is very important.
- Instructional technology is very important
- Students are only interested as a point of need
- Students will do what the faculty tells them, not what librarians tell them
- Common thread is that libraries are in a fight for their lives. Students are not interested in things the library has to offer. Faculty increasingly see the library as irrelevant. Faculty see the library as the purchasing agent for the university. Libraries have to offer what faculty care about.
- Students are doing other things than what the library offers – i.e., no research papers, etc. instead they are doing PowerPoint's, videos, etc.
- Trend in change to a constructivist's kind of model.

Academic Affairs/GIL/GALILEO Report: Budget woes continue. The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn in early April, then the BOR meets and will try to set tuition and fees. Merryll's budget will see a 15% reduction in Special Initiative Funding, and System Office (the other source of her budget) funding may also be reduced.

OIIT is revisiting its mission, goals, and decision making process. Payroll outsourcing has meant some reduction in OIIT responsibilities, but there have been no layoffs yet. OIIT is a service provider and not a source of technology. They are monitoring the OLE (Online Library Environment) project on open source library systems for future reference and consideration.

College Source and Current Contents are being cut from GALILEO. GIL Express costs may be somewhat less than Merryll expected. DOAS has awarded the courier service contract, and perhaps we can piggyback GIL Express onto that. This would result in cost savings and changes in work flows. GIL applications move to U of GA April 1. We appreciate Phil Williams helping out half time while we recruit a new GIL application coordinator. We are working with ExLibris on digital resource management options. Bob Trotter is at a Voyager developers workshop, a new initiative by the vendor to pool users knowledge of what they are doing well and how they are doing it.

ACRL "Scholarly Communication 101" Application: Bede and Shawn reported they are working on an application to bring ACRL's "Scholarly Communication 101"

workshop to Georgia. If the application is successful, the workshop will probably be held in July in a central location, Macon we hope, and it will be able to accommodate up to 100 attendees. This would allow for each USG campus to send at least two attendees and leave seats for our private institution partners.

Fall RACL Meeting: There was general consensus to hold the fall 2009 RACL in Macon on November 13. We will be asked to check our calendars and confirm that November 13 is an acceptable date.

Respectfully submitted by Bede Mitchell, Secretary