

**RACL Spring 2013 Meeting  
Minutes (draft)  
April 26, 2013  
Middle Georgia State College, Macon Campus**

**Attendees**

Catherine Murray-Rust, Merryll Penson, Argent Sue Gibson, Frank Mahitab, Mary Washington, Marie Davis, Jacqueline Vickers, Susan Ralph, Bede Mitchell, Alan Bernstein, Donna Llewellyn, Mark Flynn, Brenda Rutherford, Elijah Scott, Joe Mocnik, Ru Story Huffman, Brenda Seago, Gene Ruffin, Pat Brock, Debra Holmes, Mary Jo Fayoyin, Amanda McKenzie, Bryan Sinclair, LaVerne McLaughlin, David Evans, Toby Graham, and Robert Quarles

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Welcome & Introductions** – Catherine Murray-Rust

Introductions of participants and guests were made.

**Elections**

Moved and seconded that the ballot be accepted

Results: Chair Elect – Elijah Scott; Secretary – Brenda Seago; At Large – Gene Ruffin

Note: LaVerne McLaughlin is the next chair

**New or Notable**

Updates from Valdosta State, Clayton State, Georgia Highlands, Columbus State, Georgia State, and the Digital Library.

**Affordable Learning Resources (discussion)** – Merryll Penson

- Transformation = Education costs less and access improved
- Power point presentation with handouts put in meeting packets
- Important idea for student concerns about increase cost of textbooks
- Not unlike what is being done already using Reserves
- Give more money to libraries to provide more ebooks (improve licensing)
- Cal State has different components to their learning solutions (they worked on it for a very long time)
- Relationships with Barnes and Noble to allow discounts for ebooks
- USG has SRS group that could work the bookstore in terms of licensing to make textbooks less expensive and rental of textbooks
- Libraries are involved with providing affordable resources
- Do libraries really want to fight this battle

- This seems to be more of the faculty's fight
- To do this we must have a real connection to curricular committees to see what textbooks are used
- Question: IT and Libraries concerning cost sharing and the technology fee
- We must find a way to decrease cost of textbooks to help with Complete College Georgia
- Need to look at open access textbooks
- Open access does not necessary mean free
- Some may be sold for less cost
- Commercial publishers have a different idea about open access
- RACL needs to help figure out where we are going from here
- Georgia almost has one open access textbook (history) / CSU plans to use for a Fall 2013 course

### **MOOCs: What have we learned?** – Dr. Donna Lwelleyn

Folders were provided containing articles about MOOCs.

- What we're learning from them
- Discussion on 1) what they are; 2) broader implications; 3) what are the local issues
- MOOCs could increase the education divide if we're not careful
- What role can the library play?

### **Approval of Minutes** – Catherine Murray-Rust

- RACL Fall 2012 Minutes were approved

### **Library Services Updates** – Merryll Penson

- Activities Reports for March 2013 and April 2013
- Discovery Update – April 2013
- Attendees were provided handouts of the reports
- Note: Ed Johnson is retiring

### **GKR Update** – Bede Mitchell

- IMS grant closing down
- Preparing to transition from grant project to a office of management service
- Struggle to get the kind of content that is wanted
- Difficult to persuade faculty that this is important
- Looking to develop best practices (learn from each other)
- Now there is a effort to develop a management structure (model after GALILEO organizational structure)
- Looking at a coordinating committee

- Office of Library Services and Georgia Tech [1. Bylaws must be specific about managerial structure; 2. Who should be contacted?]
- Structure should be out for revision soon
- Overall goal of the GKR transition team is to prepare to handover and to recommend to RACL information policy
- RACL may need to produce a scholarly information policy for GKR
- Bring us at the next RACL Executive meeting (GKR transition group not sure what to take on)
- Question: How are we billing the libraries?
- No ongoing funds to support the GKR
- If not funding participating libraries may have to pick up the cost
- It could become a GALILEO database (meta site)
- Issue is getting faculty engage in GKR

### **Funding Strategies Discussion**

- Use to be that GALILEO was fully funded
- As time went by libraries have had to pick up some items
- GALILEO shortfall
- FY14 Libraries asked to cover GALILEO shortfall, upgrade, and ProQuest (the \$400,000 cut from FY14 will be covered)
- FY15 need discussion and strategies (need something that will be fair)
- We must continue to work together
- Library group must be able to control process
- Libraries paying in about 30% of funding
- A report was given on ebooks and print purchases (Bob Trotter will try to run a report on unique titles)
- Article was presented – “On the cost of keeping a book”
- Archives moving to the BOR (space will be available that we could use)
- RACL could explore how to use the space
- If we’re going to ask for funds then we have to show that we’re looking at (exploring) ways to be cost effective (lower costs)

### **Old Business / New Business**

Brenda Seago – catalogs consolidated

Toby Graham – DPL launched last week and Georgia (DGL) libraries represented

**2:35 p.m. Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Quarles, Secretary