

RACL Minutes

April 13 - 14, 2017

Lake Blackshear Resort

Attendees:

RACL Members / Proxies:

Baker, Gordon (Clayton State University)
Bandy, Sandra (Augusta University)
Bennett, Donna (Georgia College & State University)
Bernstein, Alan (Valdosta State University)
Bolt, Joy (University of North Georgia)
Borck, Pat (Middle Georgia State University)
Evans, David (Kennesaw State University)
Fayoyin, Mary (Savannah State University)
Flynn, Mark (Chair - Columbus State University)
Fratlicello, Sarah (East Georgia State College)
Gaither, Sonya (Gordon State College)
Graham, Toby (University of Georgia)
Holmes, Debbie (College of Coastal Georgia)
Huff, Christopher (University of West Georgia)
Mahitab, Frank (Fort Valley State University)
McLaughlin, LaVerne (Albany State University)
Mitchell, Bede (Georgia Southern University)
Murray-Rust, Catherine (Georgia Institute of Technology)
Roberts, Frank (Georgia Gwinnett College)
Steely, Jeff (Georgia State University)
Story Huffman, Ru (Georgia Southwestern State University)
Vickers, Jacqueline (South Georgia State College)
Vines, Susan (Georgia Highlands College)
Whitesell, Melissa (Dalton State College)

Other Attendees:

Battles, Jason (University of Georgia)
Clayton, Bill (GALILEO/GIL)
Davidson, Christopher (State Archives)
Harrison, Lucy (GALILEO)
McKinney, Elizabeth (GPLS)
Robinson, Barry (GALILEO/GIL)

The afternoon of April 13 consisted of a strategic planning session led by consultants Malik Watson and Stacy Jones of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. They reviewed the feedback that RACL provided at their November 2016 meeting; reviewed input received from the other stakeholder planning sessions that have been conducted; and asked RACL if they had any additional input. Recognizing that the GALSTEER group is charged with overall GALILEO strategic planning, the consultants asked RACL to focus on USG- or RACL-specific goals to be included in the final strategic plan. Members worked within small groups to brainstorm potential long-term goals that they would like RACL and GALILEO to focus on moving forward. Those goals were shared with the group, and then prioritized. The CVIOG consultants

will be documenting this planning session to share with GALSTEER. All of the RACL Executive Committee are also GALSTEER members, and will represent the full RACL group in the discussions moving forward.

The main RACL meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Flynn at 8:32 a.m. on April 14.

The minutes were approved with no revisions.

The nominating committee presented the slate of confirmed officers for 2017-18. (The election took place earlier, via email). Those officers are:

- RACL Chair - Sonya Gaither, Gordon State College
- RACL Vice-Chair and Chair Elect: David Evans, Kennesaw State University
- Secretary: Debbie Holmes, College of Coastal Georgia
- Member at Large (through June 2018): Kelly Ansley, East Georgia State College
- Member at Large (through June 2019): Ru Story-Huffman, Georgia Southwestern State University
- Member at Large (through June 2019): Michelle Barsom, Bainbridge State College

All terms begin July 1.

Barry Robinson and Bill Clayton of GIL/GALILEO provided an update on the Alma implementation. They provided a general update, then reviewed several known issues (lost functionality in fulfillment; e-resources linking parameters; relationship of Georgia Tech within the fulfillment network; the Primo user interface; external authentication; and limitations with the Alma analytics). Overall, the implementation is going very well, and we are at a similar or better place than other consortia have been at this point in the transition process. Barry and Bill also reviewed training activities. They reviewed three recommendations that have come forward from the Alma Implementation Functional Teams: 1) that additional resources be provided for centralized coordination of cataloging and authority control (with the team itself taking on this responsibility in the short term); 2) that each institution make a local decision, on a case-by-case basis, to turn on local "hold request" permissions (until Ex Libris can provide an enhancement to allow only distance learning students to place these types of requests); and 3) that Marcive subscriptions be modified to drop authority control and pick up GPO records loading. Finally, they reminded the group of several upcoming "freeze" dates, and encouraged everyone to talk to their staff about upcoming deadlines and dates.

Lucy Harrison led the group in a discussion of potential changes to the way Alma/GIL costs are allocated between the USG institutions. A spreadsheet was shared with current and projected costs, and various models for reallocating those costs were discussed. Any change in model will have impact on local institutions, though there are ways to moderate those impacts. The group asked Lucy to reach out to other consortia and see what models they are using. RACL will come back to this topic in fall 2017, with the agreement that any change in model will not take effect until fiscal year 19-20, to give libraries time to plan for any necessary adjustments.

At the January RACL Exec meeting, Lucy was asked to pull together a small group of USG and GPLS librarians to investigate moving away from the courier service and back to UPS shipping. Lucy reviewed the background, scope of UPS service, and financial implications with the group. While the quality of service would be improved for USG libraries and their costs would go down, the costs for GPLS libraries

would increase per stop. There is some risk that if the volume of shipments increase significantly, the price of the UPS service could rise above the amount budgeted centrally. Libraries felt that while unlikely to happen, this would be a good problem to have, and would be able to provide local funding to offset this cost if necessary. After discussion, RACL voted to move to UPS shipping effective July 1. More communication will be forthcoming when the details have been worked out.

Elizabeth McKinney provided an update on GPLS activities. Current legislative session and FY18 budget: 4 capital outlay projects totaling \$6.685 million; \$4 million in MRR; \$3.19 million in technology replacement. GPLS awards (Library, Librarian, Champion, 10 Most Beautiful Libraries (with passport). State Librarian Julie Walker has been appointed to the Georgia Certified Public Manager Program Advisory Committee. Administered by the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Wendy Cornelisen, assistant state librarian for library innovation and collaboration, has been appointed to the board for the newly created Georgia Center for Early Language and Literacy at Georgia College and State University.

Chair Elect Sonya Gaither requested that RACL explore ways to mentor new library directors who are coming on board. She will bring forward a recommendation to the next RACL Executive Committee meeting.

Lucy Harrison provided an update on the potential TCSG move to Alma. They are still in discussion with the vendor on scope and pricing. It is unclear whether GIL/GALILEO will play a formal role in supporting that transition.

Lucy Harrison provided the group with draft copies of the institutional GALILEO costs for FY2017-18 (including cost-share pricing). Since this process is new to her, she asked that libraries review the draft documents and let her know if there are any changes to be made (for example, one database was listed as a cost-share when it is actually paid centrally). She will revise the documents as necessary and send the final documents out in a week or two.

Chris Davidson provided an update on Archives activities, as well an overview of the records management services that they can provide to individual USG institutions. If anyone is interested in obtaining more information, they can contact Christine Garrett at the Archives.

Toby Graham provided an update on the HathiTrust discussion and recommendation that took place at RACL Executive Committee the previous day.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.