

RACL Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2018

Attendees: Alan Bernstein, Brenda Seago, David Evans, Jeff Carrico, Jeff Steely, Kelly Ansley, Mark Flynn, Sonya Gaither, Toby Graham

USG: Lucy Harrison, Russell Palmer, Barry Robinson

Sonya Gaither called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Secretary Debbie Holmes (not present) reports that the meeting minutes from the October 13, 2017 meeting will be distributed for approval via e-mail soon.

RACL Spring meeting location update

- Dates and locations have been challenging; Lucy is checking on Amicalola Falls, April 4-6 (formerly April 12-13), but that is still pending, and there will be more information to come.
- Sonya Gaither asked for suggestions for topics, please contact her with suggestions.

Next Generation Library Systems/GIL/Alma/Primo update

- Barry Robinson presented the GIL Update to RACL Executive Committee. Most major issues have now been resolved. EDS issues with OAI harvesting were resolved after changing to an FTP harvest.
- An issue has arisen around EBSCO/EDS's use of Ex Libris Bibliographic and real time availability API. That usage is in limbo.
- Projects concluding New Alma user interface is in production. Feedback is mixed; it seems like a useful interface, with some issues with open support tickets.
- The OCLC Data Sync is ongoing. Harvest of records is complete. The project should complete in February.
- MARCIVE project, authority files, should be completed within a few days.
- South Georgia State College's External Authorization issues should be repaired and working soon.

Upcoming projects

- Georgia Tech is being incorporated back into GIL Express, Ex Libris wants all USG to be on the new Primo interface, so this task can be completed in June after production version of new Primo interface is running in June.
- GIL GALILEO Systems Librarian search is underway.
- Consolidations (ABAC/Bainbridge, Georgia Southern/Armstrong) are underway, quotes forthcoming from Ex Libris.
- GALILEO Strategic Planning—there are several GIL resources involved heavily in that effort.

Possible projects, 2019

- Alma patron loads phase 2
- New titles list
- Alma-PeopleSoft check request pilot
- Additional projects are likely
- Lucy Harrison further explained the issues with the conflict between EBSCO and Ex Libris regarding the usage by EBSCO of the Ex Libris real time availability API.
- They are not planning to turn anything off without consultation, but EBSCO was sent a cease and desist letter, effective until they reach a legal agreement with Ex Libris.
- Lucy is seeking legal opinion on the issue from the Board of Regents counsel and Dr. Tristan Denley.

GUGM

- Friday, May 18—the GUGM Meeting will be in Athens, at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. The cataloging committee will have a pre-conference the afternoon before (May 17). The timeframe and format will be similar to previous GUGM meetings.
- Theme: “Collaborative Communities.” We will have more room, so the registration cap has moved from 200 to 300. The committees will register first, and then we will open registration up to others.

Consolidations

We are meeting regularly with both consolidating groups. Legally, the consolidations are in place.

Georgia Southern/Armstrong

Doug Frazier was removed from RACL per his request. Bede Mitchell represents the consolidated organization.

ABAC/Bainbridge

Consolidated libraries will be run by ABAC. Bainbridge State College campus will be given to TCSG, but ABAC will run the libraries. Michelle Barsom will remain on RACL and RACL Exec until the summer.

RACL-specific metrics

Lucy Harrison presented on RACL related ROI/Metrics. She pointed out the items related specifically to RACL and asked the group to focus on those areas in their review of the documentation.

HathiTrust

- Toby Graham shared that USG InCommon members can now take full advantage of this.
- Kevin Cottrell on the GIL staff is working to set up Georgia State and other InCommon members.
- The set up involves mapping the authentication metadata and changing some settings in order to make the authentication work.
- Kennesaw is attempting to use the SHIB functionality in EZ Proxy to make this work, but they are not sure it will work.
- UNG, there is a meeting with their InCommon/Shib setup staff, Sean Boyle and Robin Fay.
- Coastal Georgia, they are still in the process of joining InCommon and implementing Shibboleth.
- Georgia Tech is already well underway, transition seems to have gone fine.
- UGA—Used by ILL staff and faculty. Using it for access for those with visual impairments (more than just the public domain materials available to them) that is done via an approved IP within the library for access—one workstation/office that helps provide books for visually impaired students, 2nd IP is at the office for disability resources.
- The Hathi Trust contract started January 1, and they will be invoicing GALILEO and GALILEO will charge back to the institutions. Lucy will inquire about the details of when a bill is expected. System wide access will be updated as different institutions report/load lost items.

Courier RFP

- A small group of university ILL/GIL Express have looked at the requirements.
- There are separate requirement sections from GIL and GPLS within the RFP.
- The contract may be awarded to the same/different vendors for GIL and GPLS respectively.
- Vendors are required to propose multiple options within this RFP, respondents should propose two options, next day delivery for everyone or next day delivery for high use and research institutions, with everyone guaranteed 3-day delivery.
- UPS is under state contract, so we can reject any or all RFP's and go with UPS since they are on state contract.
- The procurement team is reviewing now and getting the RFP ready to post.
- Lucy will let everyone know as soon as it is posted (probably February) with a clarification of times, and then interviews with respondents, all done within a time frame that will give us time to act and make a choice prior to the new fiscal year.

GKR Governance discussion

- Georgia Knowledge Repository governance lies with RACL, however, no governance has been happening. ([link to governance page](#))
- Lucy suggests we update or cancel the GKR governance committee.
- It was suggested that we bring together a small team look at it.
- GKR does not take the same level of effort that it did previously.
- Small group will decide how it fits into the scholarly communication goals of the institutions and RACL.
- Lucy will ask volunteers from the participating institutions in GKR to come together to determine the future direction of GKR governance.

Friends of Georgia Libraries update

- Friends of the Georgia Libraries meets again January 26. They met late last year.
- In April, FOGL conducts a one day workshop. They introduce participants to FOGL and how to create friends groups at various libraries. It was asked if there could be more friends groups at academic libraries.
- Would we like one of their board members come to a meeting and discuss it with RACL? Worth discussing at Spring RACL meeting? It was agreed that a FOGL presentation would be part of the next full RACL meeting.

RAC Meeting

Sonya Gaither, RACL Chair, attended. She learned more about what the chairs are supposed to do. This meeting was supposed to be in July, but did not happen until October.

Sonya met with Dr. Denley and a few others from the Board of Regents and got updates at the system level:

Momentum Year

Proposed as an extension of complete college Georgia, the momentum year is more of a focused impact with first year students, encouraging more academic success during the first year.

General Education Council

Council members need feedback on core curriculum and how they get proposals from campus to their council.

College Board Advanced Placement Test Reviewers

- A list of AP tests were discussed and the college board expressed concern about it because they did not know exactly where those tests fall.
- Many of the tests are subject based.
- They need reviewers for the test in general.
- Sonya noted that some of the research based exams were challenged to find reviewers, and that perhaps librarians could help them. They breezed over the idea and moved on, but Sonya would like us to look at that as a possibility.

College 2025

An update was given, questions behind this were what would college look like in 2025? What will libraries look like in 2025? Sonya will serve on the college 2025 systems task force, and she will ask them to present on this at the April RACL meeting.

RACL Elections

- Mark Flynn and Sonya Gaither are coordinating. If we know of anyone who is willing or who would like to be nominated as secretary or vice chair of RACL, let Sonya or Mark know so they can create a ballot of nominees, and distribute a ballot. Open seats are Secretary, vice Chair, Member at Large.
- David Evans, Kennesaw State University, will become the chair for the upcoming year.

Other Business:

Should the RACL chair or vice chair attend the ICOLC meeting? Sonya suggests they attend.

New Business:

Lucy shared that Jennifer Jones at Georgia State University asked for value of GALILEO stats that Merryll Penson sent out previously. She asked specifically for an ACRL survey. Lucy asked if everyone would like a copy of it each year for their ACRL surveys. It was agreed and seconded that GALILEO will send this out yearly.

Online learning differential tuition was discussed.

Next RACL Executive Committee meeting dates:

- March 9 (online only if needed)
- June 8

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.