

**RACL Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Friday, 1 February 2019**

**Present:** Lucy Harrison, Barry Robinson, Brenda Seago, David Evans, Jeff Carrico, Jeff Steely, John Stephens, Jason Battles, Kelly Ansley, Mary Jo Fayoyin, Ru Story Hoffman, Sonya Gaither, Tamatha Lambert, Toby Graham, Melissa Whitesell.

**Call to Order:**

Dr. Evans called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM

**Approval of Minutes:**

Pending the addition of Mary Jo Fayoyin as present at the October meeting, the minutes were approved.

**Election Update (Sonya Gaither)**

Sonya sent out an email to the listserv requesting nominations. She still needs nominations for the member-at-large and vice-chair positions.

Sonya is developing training materials to be posted on the RACL website. Among the topics to be included are: description of each position, responsibilities of officers, length of terms, and meetings required. Please send Sonya any additional topics for training.

**USG-specific Resources (Lucy Harrison)**

**E-Journal package**

**GETSM contract** – GALILEO staff trying to determine which institutions are participating in this contract. Wiley would like to move beyond this contract to include more institutions. If a new contract is negotiated by GALILEO, it would start in 2020. So if you have not negotiated and/or signed with Wiley or Elsevier yet, please wait, if at all possible. Lucy will have more details to share with RACL soon.

Lucy hopes to have options for different models, and eventually have a lower price cap moving forward. Then over the course of the contract, institutions might see significant savings.

There was a question as to whether USG libraries could share the details of the cost break-down for their institution or if that would violate the non-disclosure clause. Lucy felt that we could share this with other USG institutions or GALILEO office, and stated that the price cap should be lower than what is currently in place. There will probably be an update at the RACL meeting in March. Lucy will try to schedule a webinar for more information, and allow libraries to indicate whether they were interested.

**ProQuest**

Lucy asked the vendor to look at overall pricing, and because we will be saving money for Discovery product, GALILEO may be able pick up the USG portion the ProQuest bill centrally for next year. All other stakeholder groups are already billed centrally rather than via individual institutional billing for the ProQuest package. ProQuest is also offering some additional content as part of this negotiation.

Lucy will need to make sure the GIL and GALILEO overall budgets are balanced before applying any cost savings to USG institutional bills. As part of this negotiation, she has also asked ProQuest to provide

some insight into how costs would increase should stakeholder groups drop out of the ProQuest statewide package.

### **USG Retirees**

Russell and Lucy spoke with a group of USG retirees re: the policy for access to GALILEO databases once an individual retires from their position as a USG faculty member. The retirees would like the same access privileges they were allowed as full faculty members. Lucy explained that the databases are licensed for current USG students and employees.

The retirees may bring a recommendation before the Board of Regents thus creating a special employee class, and allowing them access to all databases available at their institutions. They would also like a system-wide policy on what rights this special class might have at all USG libraries.

Several RACL Exec. members reported that retirees have inquired about this same issue at their institutions. The members stated that retirees may utilize the GALILEO databases as community patrons, but are not allowed the same access as when they were employed. The retiree group completed a survey of policies at the USG libraries, and found that policies differed across the system. We may need to change the terminology in USG contracts to clearly define current, retired, and emeritus faculty.

### **ALMA Update (Barry Robinson)**

- Resumed Coordinating committee meetings in January 2019.
- GALILEO Development Team –
  - Developed a new philosophy using agile technology in their daily work
  - Use development sprints in meetings to create new goals and stay on track
- GALILEO Development Advisory Team
- Georgia Tech will be resuming GIL Express service – still working through issues with network search password parameter.
- GUGM conference will include a GIL update session

### **Shared Cataloging (Jason Battles)**

Fourteen items were sent from ABAC to UGA for a pre-pilot test. These were physical objects and helped the cataloging group develop documentation including workflow charts for the first four pilot institutions:

- ABAC
- Columbus State
- Atlanta Metro
- Gordon State

A meeting of the pilot institutions will be held soon. The pilot test will only be for physical objects. This will give an opportunity to determine whether there will be any other database or maintenance issues to be addressed. The results will be reported back to RACL Exec and GALSteer.

### **Green Glass (David Evans)**

Benefits for KSU have been easy access to HathiTrust materials and analysis of data from comparative institutions, and lists are customizable. The data visualization is better than what is available thus far in ALMA. A challenge has been an e-book analysis for a monograph weeding project. They could not do a

duplication analysis or compare to holdings in other institutions. This would be possible with a consortium subscription.

The next step may be to form a task force of catalogers and collection development staff to conduct further research, consider policies, and the scope of the project. Dr. Evans encouraged RACL Exec members to contact him with any questions.

There was a question as to whether copyright status for HathiTrust would potentially impact the "last copy" policy for USG. Green Glass may allow us the opportunity to evaluate retention policies of other consortiums or institutions.

OCLC cannot give a specific quote for USG until we provide parameters for analysis or number of records, but estimate the cost might be around \$100,000-\$200,000. This should be an agenda item for the March RACL meeting.

### **Roundtable Discussion**

David Evans reported that KSU has cancelled their Elsevier subscription. Elsevier would not negotiate to lower the cost which was a 255% increase from last year. They are exploring possibility of buying a block of articles and the ILL department is currently able to fill all article requests.

Brenda Seago invited members to attend the Research Management Symposium at Augusta University on March 19. An announcement was sent out via email to the RACL listserv. She will be retiring at the end of May, 2019.

Jeff Steely reported that the Georgia State University library may have a small increase in the collection budget for next year. A quote to create a new entrance to the library went out two weeks ago.

Toby Graham stated that UGA has agreed to retain print copies of the digital materials included in the HathiTrust project. As a state, we must determine what materials we will be responsible for retaining.

Mary Jo Fayoyin reported that Dr. Cheryl Dozier, Savannah State University president, announced her retirement. The library has been approved for a renovation. Electrical work at the library was completed in December.

Sonya Gaither reported that the new president at Gordon State is in place. The first homecoming will be in February. The investiture of the new president will be celebrated during the week of April 22-26, with a ceremony on April 26.

Melissa Whitesell reported that the Roberts Library at Dalton State College will undergo renovations of staff work and office spaces and new study rooms on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, and new entrance and study spaces on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

John Stephens stated that five libraries have responded to provide feedback for Westlaw trial. The trial has been extended to February 28. An email reminder will be sent out to encourage more participation and feedback. The working group is also evaluating OCLC to determine whether the indexing and abstracting databases are still a good value. The working group will be meeting next week.

Tamatha Lambert reported that they are fully staffed at Middle Georgia State University. An assistant director was hired for the Dublin and Warner Robins campuses, and a new Reference and Instructional librarian was hired for the Warner Robins campus.

Sonya Gaither was nominated as the chair and Ken Hensley is the recorder for the Assessment Working group. They will hold monthly meetings for the rest of the semester. A survey will be sent out to all USG libraries to determine how we collect data and how libraries are using this data to show impact on RPG.

The full RACL meeting will be held in Macon on March 29, 2019. An agenda and registration details will be sent out by the end of February. GALSteer and RACL Exec agreed to handle any pressing issues via email prior to the March 29 meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM

**Institutional Updates:**

**Final Comments/Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.