

**REGENTS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES (RACL)
2023 SPRING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 21, 2023

Robert F. Hatcher Sr. Conference Center, Middle Georgia State University, Macon, Georgia

ATTENDEES:

RACL Committee Members:

Dr. Alan Bernstein, Valdosta State University
Joy Bolt, University of North Georgia
Dr. Lisandra Carmichael, Georgia Southern University
Meghan Crews, East Georgia State College
Carla Fredd for Angiah Davis, Gordon State College
David Edens, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Chris Sharpe for Dr. David Evans, Kennesaw State University
Julius Fleschner, Georgia Highlands College
Dr. Sonya Gaither, Clayton State University
Dr. Toby Graham, University of Georgia
Debbie Holmes, College of Coastal Georgia
Amy Parsons for Alan Karass, Columbus State University
Lynn Kelly, South Georgia State College (Called in)
Tamatha Lambert, Middle Georgia State University
Frank Mahitab, Fort Valley State University
Dr. LaVerne McLaughlin, Albany State University (Called in)
Dr. Leslie Sharp, Georgia Institute of Technology
Andrea Stanfield, University of West Georgia
Jeff Steely, Georgia State University
John Wilson for Ru Story-Huffman, Georgia Southwestern State University
Felix Unaeze, Savannah State University
Dr. Shaundra Walker, Georgia College & State University
Brad Warren, Augusta University
Melissa Whitesell, Dalton State College

University System of Georgia/GALILEO/GIL/DLG:

Lucy Harrison (Called in), Russell Palmer, John Stephens, Deena Anderson, Barry Robinson, Sean Boyle, and Sean Purcell (Called in)

Guests:

Tamika Strong, Georgia Archives
Jennifer West, Savannah State University
Christopher Holly and Gar Sydnor, EBSCO
Steve Brummett and John Dillon, ProQuest

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

- Chair Julius Fleschner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order
- Russell Palmer conducted roll/attendance of the group
- The agenda for the meeting was presented by Russell Palmer and approved
- The minutes from the 2022 Fall General RACL meeting held virtually on November 7, 2022, were approved

GENERAL GALILEO UPDATES:

Russell Palmer provided the following **OpenAthens** update: implementation work continues with non-PINES Public Libraries. We will be restarting K-12 communications soon. Clean up continues with the private higher-ed libraries. We are also having high level discussions with OpenAthens and EBSCO around the “authentication holy grail” (multiple affiliations) and general improvements to the resource activation process.

Russell further provided the following **GALILEO Search Portal (Bento)** update. A few minor changes have happened since the December 2022 release:

- Added the ability to hide “Peer Reviewed” limiter when not applicable (for example: no need for “Peer Reviewed Articles” limiter in “Encyclopedia” bento)
- Only display “Library Catalog Only” Limiter for institutions who have EDS Custom Catalog Setup (example: No need for library catalog only limiter on “Scholarly Articles” bento)

We are now shifting priorities to focus on DLG but will continue to improve GALILEO/Bento search and will be meeting internally soon to review next steps. Once we have updated our strategic planning goals, we will adjust our development priorities.

The meeting adjourned for a break at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Russell Palmer provided the following update on the new **EBSCO New UI**. We are currently in the planning stage, with more communications coming at the end of April. The approximate timeline for release of the new user interface is:

- Summer: K-12, TCSG, Public Libraries (July/August)
- Winter (December/January): USG, -PALS (Why December? Fully functional standalone advanced search is arriving in August, and major updates are due in January impacting MyEBSCOHost folders and Journal alerts.)

Previews will be available for all libraries soon on the GALILEO Staging site so that you can begin revising instructional materials. For anyone with a locally managed EDS or local customizations, GALILEO will be working directly with those libraries to mitigate any changes. Russell provided some screenshots showing the changes that are coming to the new interface.

EBSCO SESSION ON FOLIO + RESHARE:

Christopher Holly and Gar Sydnor from EBSCO provided an information session and a demonstration of FOLIO + ReShare. Attendees asked questions and discussion ensued.

GENERAL GALILEO UPDATES (CONTINUATION):

Russell Palmer provided the following **PowerNotes** update. We have renewed the product for FY2023-24 and will continue to offer webinars regularly. However, uptake has been slow (usage report through 2/8/2023, was provided and discussed), and to continue access, we need to see increased usage. PowerNotes is willing to offer institution-specific training for your library staff or faculty. Contact Russell if you would like to work with PowerNotes directly.

John Stephens provided the following **e-Resources** update. John provided data for statewide and GALSTEER mid-year e-Resources usage for EBSCO (Academic Search Complete, Business Source Complete; Points of View Reference Center, etc.), eBook Central and ProQuest Central. Usage is down slightly for USG across the board.

The USG Portfolio Group continues to look at usage and spending across the USG, focusing on the following 9 resources: Films on Demand, Medline w/Full Text, Dissertation Abstracts, MLA International Bibliography, PsycInfo, CINAHL Index, PsycARTICLES, Westlaw Legal & International, PQ Statistical Abstracts. The USG Portfolio analysis group is looking at survey results for possible additions and substitutions.

John also provided an update on the American Chemical Society (ACS) Read and Publish Agreement. So far, 76 articles Open Access articles have been approved out of 79 eligible (as of 4/7). John is working on an announcement for institutions with new access. ACS OA output previously ranged from 16-20 articles per year for USG institutions.

GALILEO received some one-time funding for FY23 End of Year purchases:

- ProQuest eBooks: Permanent access to approximately 30-50 high use titles from eBook Central for all USG institutions
- University of Michigan Press 2023 collection: Purchase permanent access to the 2023 frontlist for all GALILEO higher education institutions.

John also provided information on the GALILEO and GIL Resource fee estimates.

Russell Palmer provided the following concerning **new IT approvals**. Lucy sent out a memo to RACL on 11/15/2022 regarding Cybersecurity approvals. Let us know if you need anything else. Russell reminded the group that for SBITA, the contract terms that will exclude the subscription from SBITA treatment are any one of the following:

- A one-year term with no renewal options
- A mutual termination clause for any reason. These usually have a stated number of days' notice requirement. The less notice the better.
- A mutual renewal requirement (both parties must agree to renew)

More SBITA guidance will be coming from the system office soon.

GALILEO provided the following **Affordable Learning Georgia** update: ALG has a newly redesigned website with new impact numbers (\$143 million saved to date). We also have a new staff person (Nakita Afaha) who starts May 1, and are hoping to kick off some data analysis projects soon.

GALILEO provided the following update on GALILEO **upcoming events**:

- GIL Users Group Meeting will be held virtually on May 16-18, 2023. We are finalizing the agenda now, but there will be a keynote “panel” of open-source experts. Registration is open now.
- GALILEO Annual Conference will be held in person on June 14 at the Hatcher Conference Center at MGA. The theme is “Boldly Going” and the keynote speaker will be Miguel Figueroa, Amigos Library Services. There will not be a virtual option and attendance will be capped at 150 people. Registration is open now.
- To meet the needs of K-12, GALILEO is planning some K-12 virtual sessions in the fall.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

PROQUEST SESSION:

Steve Brummett and John Dillon with ProQuest provided a session on data mining tool (TDM Studio). Discussion and questions ensued.

INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES:

Georgia Southwestern’s library renovation project has been approved and they will be looking for an architect soon. Gordon State has a position that is retiring; they hope to refill it but it is unclear at this point. They are also doing some heavy weeding. Several libraries mentioned that they have new presidents or provosts at their institutions. Savannah State mentioned that they have a student worker who is going to be interning at the Library of Congress. Augusta’s Greenblatt Library is testing a new entrance configuration.

ERIC MICROFICHE DISCUSSION:

Amy Parsons with Columbus State University led the ERIC Microfiche discussion. She presented the results of a survey and discussed options. Some institutions no longer have machines that can read them; others need the space for other efforts. Weeding these collections is a lot of work for very little reclaimed space. As long as someone is keeping a copy somewhere, most people would be fine accessing this content online (supplemented with occasional ILL). While institutions would like to coordinate on retention of these items to reduce duplication of effort, no firm decisions were made. Brad at Augusta would be happy to reach out to some organizations that he knows are dealing with microfiche retention issues to get more information.

The meeting adjourned for a break at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2:19 p.m.

GIL/ALMA UPDATES (NON-FOLIO):

Sean Boyle provided the following GIL/Alma update. Committee highlights include:

- Acquisitions:
 - Prepared GUGM proposal covering HathiTrust materials and information
 - Analytics:
 - [New and improved Alma Analytics Interface inside Alma webinar training](#) available
- Cataloging:
 - Declined addition of CC policy to original cataloging, Finalized Creative Commons [statement](#)
- Fulfillment:
 - Worked on a draft message to announce updates to GIL Express policies
 - Finished GIL Express policies and damaged book slip procedures
- GALILEO Portfolio Analysis:
 - Doing data clean-up and validation on the census and will finalize the data based on that information. Our goal remains to identify potential resources that could come under the Galileo Portfolio especially those with a systemwide benefit or a collective cost savings. We do not anticipate changes for FY24, but will work toward recommendations replacements/additions to the portfolio for FY25 to allow for campus feedback
- GKR:
 - Charge statement has been posted to the GKR website.
 - Can be found here: <https://www.gaknowledge.org/about/overview>
- OPAC:
 - Continuing to work on a variety of Primo VE fixes and enhancements (Persistent Search History (User Acct), Warning messages for Unauthenticated Guests, Direct Linking tests, Barcode Search, and "Starts with" search for Call #s)
- RACL Library Impact and Value
- Set-up listserv
- Goal (FY23): Work towards a baseline standardization of data collection and usage for USG Libraries.

The full GIL/Alma updates report is available [here](#).

FY24 Committee Nominations will open shortly via email. Please identify folks at your institution that would be strong candidates to work on FOLIO/ReShare planning and implementation. Committee members serve two-year terms - FY24 and FY25. As we populate committees, we need to carefully consider possible Vice-Chairs for FY24 since those folks will be Chairs in FY25 (go live year). GIL will keep an eye on “make-up” of committees to make sure they are representative of all the libraries. Sean asked that all members assess the current Institutional Leads at your institution with an eye on FOLIO/ReShare planning and work. Please consider the following:

- Inst Leads need to be the communication conduit for your institution and this project
- Consider the strengths and bandwidth of possible or current candidates

- Consider any possible retirements on the horizon in your planning

RACL Action Item: Please review your Institutional Leads by May 19th.

Sean provided a high-level overview of the current FOLIO/Reshare Timeline. We are currently in Pre-Implementation Project Planning, which includes:

- GIL/GALILEO weekly meetings with EBSCO
- RACL - Verifying Inst Leads and Committee rosters (see above discussion)
- GIL/GALILEO
 - Identify Integration/Development Needs
 - Set-up project site - LibGuide
 - Meet with Inst Leads
 - Establish communication pipelines and cadence
 - Identify tools and resources available
 - EBSCOConnect–Support
 - EBSCO Academy/Training
 - FOLIO test environment?

RACL members had a conversation about the process, timing, and next steps. We will have a more detailed timeline around Aug/Sept.

FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION FROM EBSCO SESSION:

Russell Palmer led the group follow up discussion from the morning EBSCO session.

GALILEO/GIL BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Lucy Harrison provided the GALILEO/GIL budget update and further provided the group with the opportunity for collaboration or sharing and discussion of concerns. While the ALG and GIL budgets are in good shape, the state funds used to support the GALILEO budget have been cut and are no longer covering all the costs needed to support content, authentication, and discovery. Lucy will continue to advocate for an increase in state funding to support the USG libraries. This will impact strategic planning efforts as well.

INCLUSIVE ACCESS:

Lucy provided a very brief update on **Inclusive Access**, which is a digital textbook/course material access model that adds the cost of course content into students' tuition and fees, ensuring that materials are available Day 1 (or earlier) for all students. Students may opt OUT (or back in) until end of drop add, and for our purposes this option must be implemented at the course/section level (instructor-level decision). There was some previous confusion over whether opt-out inclusive access is allowed, but the BOR Business Procedures Manual has now been clarified to allow this opt-out inclusive access. GALILEO will negotiate some preferred pricing in the future. LMS and Banner administrators will need to integrate informational links and prominently advertise opt-out pathways.

Lucy also clarified that the BOR still does not permit a related model – equitable access – which would be considered a Mandatory Student Fee, since does not allow for opt-out at the course/section level. Institutions wishing to use an equitable access model would need to get approval from the Board for a Mandatory Student Fee (see Board Policy Manual 7.3.2).

ELECTION OF RACL OFFICERS:

Julius Fleschner led the group discussion thanking the following RACL officers who are leaving June 30 and electing the following RACL officers:

- Officers Leaving June 30
 - Past Chair: Andrea Stanfield
 - 2 At-Large positions: Debbie Holmes and Lisa Carmichael
 - Secretary: Angiah Davis
 - Melissa Whitesell becomes Chair
 - Julius Fleschner becomes Past Chair

- Proposed Slate for New Officers
 - Incoming Chair/Vice Chair: Alan Karass (Columbus State University)
 - At-Large: Sonya Gaither (Clayton State)
 - At-Large: Ru Story-Huffman (Georgia Southwestern)
 - After discussion, a motion was made to remove the Secretary position, to transfer that responsibility to GALILEO staff, and to add another At-Large member instead. Motion was seconded and passed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING KICKOFF:

Lucy Harrison briefly discussed the following concerning the Strategic Planning process. We have been on hold, pending the decision on the RFP. Now that we have that decision, we will kick off strategic planning in summer 2023 at the GALILEO Annual Conference and will follow up to get more specific input from RACL and other stakeholders after that.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.