

RACL Executive Committee (RACL Exec)

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2024

RACL Exec Attendees:

Joy Bolt (Chair)

Julius Fleschner

Sonya Gaither

P. Toby Graham

Lucy Harrison

Tamatha Lambert

Robert Quarles

Leslie Sharp

Jeff Steely

Laura Tolliver (for Melissa Whitesell)

Shaundra Walker

Brad Warren

GALILEO/USG Staff:

Sean Boyle

Brad Baxter

Jeff Gallant

Seamus Narron

Russell Palmer

Sean C Purcell

Barry Robinson

Josh Walker Weir

Mike White

Joy Woodson

Agenda:

Chair Joy Bolt called the meeting to order. Lucy Harrison took roll. Toby Graham moved to approve the agenda, Brad Warren seconded, and the agenda was approved. Sonya Gaither moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Leslie Sharp seconded. Minutes were approved.

GIL Updates:

Sean Boyle provided the group with the following updates on committee work in GIL and Alma:

Committee Goals

- **Acquisitions:** Research and document workflows for acquisitions and electronic resources management processes in FOLIO
- **Analytics:** During the 24/25 academic year, the committee will continue to contribute to a successful FOLIO implementation through active participation in project activities, training, and support. The committee will foster collaboration and knowledge sharing around FOLIO by organizing discussions, sharing best practices, and addressing implementation challenges.
- Cataloging:
- **Fulfillment:** Expand communication about fulfillment committee activities to fulfillment library staff at all USG institutions, sharing committee decisions and information about EBSCO FOLIO in preparation for the upcoming migration. Support fulfillment-related projects during the FOLIO migration. Prepare guidelines and recommendations for transitioning away from STAT courier.
- **GALILEO Portfolio Analysis:** Develop guidelines for selecting resources added to the GALILEO USG portfolio.
- **GKR:** Goals - to be determined but likely similar to previous years. Promotion of GKR and open scholarship (newsletter). Solicit participation
- **OPAC:** Prepare for and support transition to FOLIO. Investigate and test the new EDS UI, Locate, and/or other tools relevant to OPAC/Discovery. Monitor Primo VE feature releases for possible Locate enhancement requests in the future.
- **RACL Library Impact & Value:** Develop a stronger relationship with other Georgia assessment and analytics committees including the Analytics Committee and the Research and Assessment

Interest Group. Complete a workshop in the spring that covers the basic best practices of assessment in academic libraries targeted towards new assessment professionals.

- **Special Collections:** Monitor FOLIO implementation/capabilities to understand how existing Special Collections workflows may be affected.

GIL Staff also have the following goals and objectives:

- Participate in FOLIO project meetings and training to support USG libraries with FOLIO implementation, configuration, and migration activities
- Work with USG institutions to set-up and test Bibliograph with a goal of full implementation for all of USG
- Work with Fulfillment Committee to implement and test OpenRS functionality
- Work with OPAC/Discovery Committee to evaluate and test new EDS UI, Locate, and/or other tools relevant to OPAC/Discovery
- Manage FOLIO project documentation utilizing various platforms - MS Teams, Monday.com, LibGuides, etc.
- Continue to provide support USG libraries with Alma/Primo, particularly the preservation and migration of data

Sean requested approval of the following incoming Vice Chairs for the committees:

- Analytics – Andres Cardona (GGC)
- Cataloging – Ann Mills (Kennesaw)
- Fulfillment – Ann Williams (MGA)
- GALILEO Portfolio Analysis – Jessica Rigg (GA Southern)
- Special Collections – Maggie Thomas (Kennesaw)

Tamatha Lambert motioned to approve, Robert Quarles seconded, and the slate of nominees was approved. The committees are still seeking Vice Chairs for Acquisitions / ERM, GKR, OPAC / Discovery, and RACL Library Impact and Value.

The full GIL/Committee report is available here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Dg5k1GWwk871IueBbz35ni50GIhn6l8ON7vtFOQFzVY/edit?usp=sharing>

FOLIO and OpenRS Project Update:

Sean Boyle then provided an update on the FOLIO project. Since RACL Exec last met in June, the following work has been going on:

- July 2024: FOLIO Implementation Environment work
 - EBSCO loaded Central tenant bib data into FOLIO
 - EBSCO loaded library/campus/location/service point data into FOLIO
 - GIL successfully tested patron load process
 - Committees create Permissions Sets
 - Institutions create "Staff Operator" Accounts (for local Imp Teams)
 - Imp Team / Committees assisted in finalizing Acceptance Testing criteria
- August 2024
 - Institutions completed material type mapping
 - Institutions working on circulation policy templates
 - Work with continue through Sept and Oct

- EBSCO loading hldg data (3 test tenants)
- Cataloging configuration planning/timeline
- OpenRS kickoff
- Q release – 8/23
- Allows for more authentication testing
- Continue integrations testing in ECS sandbox (Bursar export, Spine-o-matic, GE Blocking, etc.)

On the Panorama side, we have completed dashboard set up and acceptance testing for all “core” data sources, including load processes; and institutions are currently choosing their local data sources. With Bibliograph, we have completed the pilot dashboards and have reviewed them, and are providing feedback before moving on to implementation for the remaining institutions.

Sean also reviewed the GIL FOLIO meeting cadence (weekly or bi-weekly meetings for all groups). Sean informed RACL Exec that we will be acquiring the OpenAthens Reporting API which will allow OA to be included in Panorama (and also allows for more granular local troubleshooting) for a small one-time cost.

Finally, Lucy updated the group that the Course Reserves/Course Management RFI will close on August 30, with presentations the following week. We will then evaluate the responses in September and will report back to RACL once that is complete.

Monthly RACL Call:

Chair Joy Bolt proposed having monthly, informal RACL calls (completely optional) to discuss topics of interest. We would have a standing meeting time, and anyone that has a topic to discuss could bring it up to the group. Joy has been trying this informally with a few people, and has seen it work in other environments. It would basically be a water cooler type of informal chatting between libraries. There was broad support for this idea, so Joy will move forward and set it up.

ALG/Inclusive Access Update:

In June, Lucy Harrison informed the group that the federal Department of Education is planning to change the inclusive access model from opt-out to opt-in. Changes would take place in July 2025. However, we have since learned that the proposed rule change has been tabled for now and will not take effect until July 2026 at the earliest. More information is available here: <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/publisher-news/article/95711-doe-tables-proposed-rule-change-to-inclusive-access-programs.html>

RACL Member Updates:

Brad Warren noted that the Medical College of Georgia expansion to Savannah on the Armstrong campus officially went live with the first enrolled class. They are in the final phases of hiring a librarian for that campus. Also, Augusta’s enrollment has exceeded our projections, with a 6.3% increase over last year (11,700 students). For comparison enrollment was under 10,000 a couple of years ago.

Tamatha Lambert reported that Middle Georgia has a new archivist position that's reporting in the library. She thanks Jeff Steely and other colleagues who were very helpful in providing position descriptions.

Joy suggested a few dates for the fall full RACL meeting, and after some discussion, it was decided to propose the date of Friday, November 8 to the RACL list.

Sonya Gaither moved to adjourn the meeting, Leslie Sharp seconded and the meeting was adjourned.