

**REGENTS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES (RACL)
2025 SPRING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 25, 2025

Georgia Institute of Technology Library, Atlanta, Georgia

ATTENDEES:

RACL Committee Members:

Joy Bolt, University of North Georgia
Dr. Lisandra Carmichael, Georgia Southern University
Meghan Crews, East Georgia State College
Catherine Jannik Downey, Georgia Gwinnett College
Ashley Dupuy for Catherine Lewis, Kennesaw State University
David Edens, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Carla Fredd, Gordon State College
Dr. Sonya Gaither, Clayton State University
Dr. Toby Graham, University of Georgia
Debbie Holmes, College of Coastal Georgia
Lynn Kelly, South Georgia State College (Remote)
Tamatha Lambert, Middle Georgia State University
Frank Mahitab, Fort Valley State University

Dr. LaVerne L. McLaughlin, Albany State University (Remote)
Jessica Osborne, Georgia Highlands College
David Owings, Columbus State University
Blynne Olivieri Parker, University of West Georgia
Robert Quarles, Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Dr. Leslie Sharp, Georgia Institute of Technology
Jeff Steely, Georgia State University
Felix Unaeze, Savannah State University
Dr. Shaundra Walker, Georgia College & State University
Brad Warren, Augusta University (Remote)
Melissa Whitesell, Dalton State College
John Wilson, Georgia Southwestern State University
Laura Bell Wright, Valdosta State University

University System of Georgia/GALILEO/GIL/DLG:

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

Guests:

Jay Forrest, Georgia Institute of Technology
Jennifer West, Savannah State University (Remote)

WELCOME, ROLL, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Dr. Leslie Sharp welcomed attendees and provided logistical notes. Chair Joy Bolt called the meeting to order and conducted the roll/attendance of the group. Lucy Harrison presented the agenda for the meeting, which was moved to be approved by Dr. Sonya Gaither, seconded by Dr. Lisandra Carmichael, and approved. The Minutes from the 2024 Fall General RACL meeting held virtually on November 8, 2024, were moved to be approved by Jeff Steely, seconded by Catherine Downey, and approved.

GENERAL DISCUSSION (LEGISLATIVE; FEDERAL CONCERNS; BUDGETS):

Lucy Harrison led the group general discussion that included the following:

- ERIC Defunding: ERIC database defunded at the Federal level. EBSCO plans to maintain access independently. Concerns expressed about long-term stability and access to gray literature. Action: GALILEO staff to monitor developments and provide updates; members encouraged to communicate with government relations offices.
- Georgia Legislative Updates: SB248 and SB74 were discussed. Concern over potential impact on library access and academic freedom, especially with dual enrollment students and minors on campus. Action: Members encouraged to engage campus legal counsel and government relations to prepare for future legislative sessions.
- Federal Funding Update: IMLS grants now tied to compliance with Federal DEI guidance. GALILEO is not directly affected but implications for partner libraries (e.g., Georgia Humanities) are significant. New Georgia Encyclopedia may be affected due to cuts to Georgia Humanities funding.
- Campus Budgets: Common themes: flat or reduced library budgets, dependence on end-of-year funds, hiring freezes, and inconsistent line-item funding for collections. Action: Several members shared strategies, including EBSCO prepayment accounts and quarterly budget allocation tracking to avoid fund sweeps.

MEMBER UPDATES/CONCERNS:

Various members shared the following institutional highlights:

- Multiple leadership changes including new Presidents and Provosts at Savannah State University, East Georgia State College, Georgia Southern University, and Valdosta State University.
- East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University announced upcoming consolidation. GALILEO to support transition planning.
- Several libraries received first budget increases in years (e.g., Georgia College & State University, Columbus State University).
- New staff hires approved or initiated at multiple institutions.

The meeting adjourned for a break at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

GENERAL GALILEO UPDATES:

Lucy Harrison provided the Strategic Goals Update that included the review of GALILEO's five core goals (User Experience, Content, Awareness, Training, and Partner Tools) and progress updates were shared for each goal.

John Stephens provided the following E-Resources Updates:

- Currently in discussions with EBSCO and ProQuest on Statewide GALILEO content.

- ProQuest eBooks announcement: no impact on GALILEO eBook Central eBook subscription. GALILEO has previously purchased single titles for some groups and will continue doing so with other vendors going forward.
- Elsevier negotiations are nearing completion.
- Costshare ordering will start mid-April.
- Improvements to E-Resource discussions and feedback.
- Post meeting minutes online for E-Resource committees.
- Work with Joy Woodson to share announcements through our communication channels.
- Engage with the wider membership through surveys.

John further provided an update of the GIL/GAL Resource Fees. The GALILEO budget is largely stable for FY2026, though the K-12 portion is underfunded.

Lucy also provided the following concerning AI Training: There are two proposals under review: (1) Mindstone/EBSCO (\$400/person, 100-person minimum) and (2) Nicole Hennig's AI Literacy Course (\$7,800–\$9,600 total). Action: No vote taken. Institutions encouraged to express interest directly or partner regionally.

Lucy provided the following Outreach Updates:

- The GALILEO Annual Conference will be held in-person June 3–4, 2025, at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, Georgia. The registration deadline is May 19, 2025, and the Keynote Speaker will be Lisa Varga, Associate Executive Director, American Library Association.
- Planning for the GALILEO 30th Anniversary Celebration is underway and events are scheduled for September 22, 2025, at the Board of Regents office in Athens. An art contest and State proclamation are in process.

Russell Palmer provided the following Support and Development Updates:

- Jef Whatley is the new GALILEO Support Services Training & Support Specialist.
- DLG audit completed with 100% remediation (except 1 AAA item). LibGuides used to resolve Google platform issues with some materials.
- OpenAthens and SAML support ongoing; customizable error templates implemented.

Lucy provided the following update and led the group discussion concerning the move from STAT Courier Service to FedEx. Libraries are not required to use FedEx, as long as they choose a carrier with a comparable turnaround time. Lucy reminded the group of action to date and showed the updated price sheets and zone maps. Next steps are to set up FedEx Accounts, set up pickup and delivery schedules (if using), and ensure packaging and labeling workflows are in place. Libraries will have access to the FedEx Admin site for support and management. We will begin off-ramp from the Courier at the end of June. Discussion ensued on whether the funds currently collected for the Courier should be used on another service.

- Decision on funding. Jeff Steely made a motion for the GIL resource fee to be reduced by \$120,000 total, with each institution's fees reduced proportionately. Dr. Sonya Gaither seconded the motion and, after a vote among the group, the motion was approved.

VOTE: NEW RACL EXEC MEMBERS:

The following new RACL Executive Committee Members were elected by the group:

- Vice Chair: Dr. Sonya Gaither (Clayton State University)
- At-Large
 - Replacing Angiah Davis and Sonya Gaither – through June 2027
 - David Edens (Columbus State University)
 - Melissa Whitesell (Dalton State College)
 - Continuing Julius Fleschner's role – through June 2026
 - Jessica Osborne (Georgia Highlands College)
- New Chair: Dr. Shaundra Walker (Georgia College & State University)

Other/continuing roles include New Past Chair: Joy Bolt (University of North Georgia), and continuing At-Large through June 2026: Tamatha Lambert (Middle Georgia State University) and Robert Quarles (Atlanta Metropolitan State College). Outgoing members are Angiah Davis and Sonya Gaither (At-Large) and Melissa Whitesell (Past Chair)

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

SKILLTYPE PRESENTATION:

Tony Zanders provided a presentation of Skilltype to the group.

GIL UPDATES; FOLIO + OPENRS STATUS:

Barry Robinson provided GIL updates. Committee highlights include:

- Committee chairs/Imp Team members provide regular updates at Inst Leads and Imp Team: Chairs/Team members attended meetings weekly and are working through UAT and/or UAT exercises
- Acquisitions: Attended HLM/FTF/EDS trainings and reviewed the HLM org/agreement
- Analytics: Collaborating with RACL LIV for Panorama session
- Cataloging: Evaluating bib/hldg/item loads, bound with evaluation/migration
- Fulfillment: Patron purge instructions, working groups on Circulation Freeze plan, Courses, Requests/Staff Slips, Patron Notices, Training/Documentation
- OPAC: Locate Issues and Enhancements Priority Survey – created report, shared with GIL

A motion to approve Chandra Jackson (UGA) as the new Acq/ERM Vice-chair was made by a member, seconded by Dr. Leslie Sharp, and approved. There are two committee officer vacancies (Special Collections – Vice-chair and GKR – Vice-chair).

Barry further provided the following FOLIO + OpenRS Status updates:

- Institutional Lead Tasks: Barry discussed the list of deliverables that institutions should have completed since the start of the project.
- Key Project Successes (since our last RACL meeting)
 - FOLIO upgraded to Ramsons Release
 - 2nd Data Migration
 - User Acceptance Testing (Phase 1) Completed
 - Official Trainings for Libraries Began
- Key Project Issues (since our last RACL meeting)
 - FOLIO Ramsons Release was delayed 2-3 weeks
 - Sunflower Release is delayed about a week
 - UAT Testing Phase 1 has had some success while uncovering a variety of issues
 - Testing by libraries is hampered by duration of data loads
 - Official Project Go-Live has been delayed from 6/25 to 7/16
- UAT Findings in General
 - Change is hard and a lot was expected of our testers
 - Acquisitions and ERM will likely pass all tests shortly
 - OpenRS is currently not fully successful due to system instability. Most of OPAC and Fulfillments UAT Fails are from OpenRS
 - Cataloging has a variety of Fails and there are concerns with FOLIO holdings records vs. MARC holding records
 - Analytics/Reporting is lacking – API work can be done to produce reports but it will be time consuming for GIL. Further investigation into LDLite is ongoing.
 - Around 10 initial UAT Fails have changed to passing in the past week
- UAT Next Steps
 - EBSCO has reviewed our UAT Fails and compared against successful tests in the FOLIO Sunflower Development Environment (next release)
 - EBSCO confirms issues will be resolved with the Sunflower release
 - The Sunflower release will be installed on our environments immediately after our third data load (dress rehearsal) around the third week of May
 - UAT Phase 2 will occur from May 21st to June 16th
 - Contractually, UAT must pass 1 month before go-live

Lucy Harrison led the open discussion concerning potential project scenarios.

PLANNING FOR FINAL GO-LIVE:

Sean Boyle provided a [Project Timeline with high level timeline and cutover dates.](#)

- Detailed project plan for all products found here - https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/GIL-FOLIO/start_here
- Project Resources for Institutional Leads. All Trainings and materials can be found here: https://galileo.libapps.com/libguides/admin_c.php?g=1312618&p=9653140

Sean further provided the following update for [Panorama](#). Dashboards are set up and acceptance testing for all "core" data sources is complete. Institutions have resumed monthly data loads (for

manual data sources). GIL emailed instructions for evaluating/choosing institutional data sources, and institutions have chosen institutional data sources. The Panorama team is now rolling out institutional data sources, working on Banner, OpenAthens, and other data sources.

Bibliograph pilot dashboards are done, and UGA/GGC/GIL got walkthrough of dashboards (walkthrough recording here - <https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/GIL-FOLIO/meetings>). GIL collected library Google map info (via maps and OpenAthens) to facilitate discovery/requesting. Established timeline and implementation plan for remaining institution cohorts (posted on LibGuide). Currently, 24 dashboards currently reviewed/signed off as complete by libraries.

A Communications Subcommittee was formed based on a suggestion at Inst Leads meeting, to develop, coordinate, and distribute planned messaging around migration. They will develop a comprehensive list of communication needs and plan communications for a variety of audiences.

Sean also provided the following GUGM update. It will be held May 12-13, 2025, at Middle Georgia State University. 140 people registered as of April 22. Registration deadline is May 2. Pre-conference sessions for EBSCO and USG FOLIO implementation team members.

Lucy provided the following a brief update on eReserve Plus. Full RACL voted to implement, but AFTER FOLIO go-live. Procurement will post as sole source, which can allow for system-wide or institutional adoption. Discussion around pilots ensued. We will pay for this service centrally, from cost savings from the FOLIO migration.

ADJOURN:

A move to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Sonya Gaither, seconded by Dr. Leslie Sharp, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.