

RACL Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: October 3, 2025

Location: Virtual

Attendees

Joy Bolt (UNG)

David Edens (ABAC)

Sonya Gaither (Clayton State)

Karen Glover (Georgia Tech, for Leslie Sharp)

Lucy Harrison (USG/GALILEO)

Tamatha Lambert (MGA)

Jessica Osborne (Highlands)

Robert Quarles (Unverified)

Jeff Steely (GSU)

Shaundra Walker (GCSU, Chair)

Bradley Warren (Augusta)

Melissa Whitesell (Dalton State)

GALILEO Staff: Nicole Lawrence, Brad Baxter, Sean Boyle, Barry Robinson, John Stephens, Jared Street McCreynolds, Russell Palmer, Joshua Walker Wier, Mike White, Joy Woodson

Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Shaundra Walker welcomed attendees and introduced the agenda. Lucy Harrison conducted roll. David Edens motioned to approve the agenda; Sonya Gaither seconded; and the motion passed. Brad Warren motioned to approve the August meeting minutes; Tamatha Lambert seconded; and the minutes were approved.

RACL Changes

Lucy Harrison presented some changes to RACL's designation within the USG advisory structure. RACL is now classified as a Chief Academic Officer Advisory Group (CAG), specifically under the Student Success category. This change was initiated to reduce institutional and staff burdens and to clarify the advisory nature of such groups. Lucy explained that the reclassification requires a name change (e.g., CAG for Academic Libraries or CAGAL) and that USG will no longer initiate in-person meetings. Institutions may organize meetings independently. Concerns were raised about operational continuity, governance, implications for collaboration and advocacy, and inefficiencies and knowledge transfer burdens if meeting logistics are decentralized. Lucy will consult with Julie Walker and Melanie Largin (Board contact) and report back on or before the Oct 31 full RACL/CAGAL(?) meeting.

FOLIO Implementation Update

Sean Boyle and Barry Robinson provided a comprehensive update on the FOLIO implementation. Libraries have completed multiple rounds of data validation and are preparing for User Acceptance Testing (UAT) Phase 4. A working agreement with EBSCO has been finalized, detailing expectations and deliverables. Key developments include the Migration Audit Tool (MAT), LDLite, and Metabase for analytics, and enhancements to data import stability and MARC holdings. Cross-functional collaboration groups have been formed to address long-term needs in areas such as cataloging, ERM, analytics, and user

experience. The go-live date remains December 16, 2025, with freezes scheduled starting in mid-November for some areas, including GIL Express.

The team has narrowed down the list of critical items for UAT Phase 4 and GIL will provide detailed testing instructions next week. Testing is expected to start over the next few days, with all testing underway by October 20. GIL will provide a full overview of testing results and Implementation Team feedback, and a final go-live decision will be made at the October 31 RACL/CAGAL(?) meeting. The team emphasized the importance of completing training and documentation before the freeze dates and noted that OpenRS enhancements will continue through December. The committee discussed the importance of maintaining momentum and ensuring readiness across all institutions.

eReserve Plus Update

Lucy Harrison announced that eReserve Plus implementation is planned for Summer 2026, contingent on a successful FOLIO rollout. A kickoff meeting is expected in late fall, and accessibility features are under development. A webinar is scheduled next week to provide updates on developments since our last engagement with eReserve Plus. More discussion at the meeting on October 31.

East Georgia & Georgia Southern Consolidation

East Georgia and Georgia Southern are undergoing consolidation, expected to complete by Summer 2026. Amber Hodges will represent East Georgia's needs following Meghan Crews' departure. Catalog and e-resource integration, pricing, and IT expectations are being addressed.

Additional Updates

Brad Warren shared insights from an external library review at his institution, recommending the process for others seeking strategic support.

Planning for October 31 RACL Meeting

The next RACL/CAGAL(?) meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2025. Agenda items include Folio UAT Phase 4 results, go-live decision, eReserve Plus planning, and RACL structural changes. A call for agenda items will be sent by Shaundra Walker.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Sonya Gaither and seconded by Jeff Steely. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.