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**Executive Committee of the Members Council on Library Services (MCLS)
Minutes**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present: Brian Doherty (NCF), Karen Griffin (HCC), Meg Hawkins (SCF), Tom Messner (FSCJ), Kathleen Miller (FGCU), Judy Russell (UF).

FALSC Staff Present: Ellen Bishop, Rebel Cummings-Sauls, Brian Erb, Rachel Erb, Devon Hickey, Gail Orth, Elijah Scott, Dave Whisenant.

Call to Order Tom Messner, Chair at 2:00

1. **Approval of January 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes with suggested changes.**
2. **MCLS Processes and Procedures**
    a. Confirm Next MCLS Meeting Date
        i. March 7-8, 2019 (St. Pete College, Tarpon Springs, FL)
        ii. June 6-7, 2019 (College of Central Florida, Ocala, FL)
    b. Determine Meeting Dates Beyond June 2019
        i. Suggested dates:
            1. September 5 & 6 - tentative
            2. December 5 & 6 - tentative
        ii. Question from Tom- does FALSC have LIBCAL? - Would FALSC be willing to collect Library regional meeting dates, and conferences (i.e. CIA) to make things easier for future planning.
        iii. Meg to check with CIA to see what their dates for 2019-2020 are.
        iv. Please check for any future conflicts

1. **FALSC Updates**
    a. OCLC Updates – Elijah

    Still in negotiations and he is pushing them hard for concrete proposals to bring to MCLS in March. He is having them propose for Cataloging & metadata, resource sharing (ILL), the access fee and First Search/World Cat Discovery. At the end of January, they came back with 2 proposals, the best of which was a 4.25% increase; this was a 5 year contract with a group incentive which equated to around a 1.3% discount the first year – with the discount declining each year, and the increase occurring each year. This was approximately 1.47 million and only for the institutions currently receiving OCLC services.
    After additional conversations, OCLC proposed a 2.75 annual increase and a locked in 75% reduction for First Search (only) for a 5 year period. This would include all institutions in the membership. Elijah has stated that he is continuing his negotiations. Additionally, he has gotten OCLC to agree to release data usage and cost for each institution over a 10 year period.

However, OCLC has refused to release this data to FALSC. They have agreed that once released to each institution, they may release to FALSC, this despite FALSC already paying for the access fees.

Judy mentioned the cut funds to pay for OCLC being used to pay for Open Athens, and Elijah clarified that the OA purchase is being funded from FLVC strategic funding, and that FALSC will continue to pay for the OCLC access fee.

As a comparison, OCLC offered Amy Johnson of the state library, the same proposal, but only providing the 75% locked rate for First Search the first year, with that tapering each year of a 5 year contract.

First Search alone, OCLC quoted $178,194 for 40 institutions.

b. Mango Feasibility Study: DRAFT Survey – Ellen

This survey will be going out to everyone, librarians, faculty, students. The idea is to get feedback from everyone, to find out how they like the look and feel, and the functionality of Mango. Mango was written more than 10 years ago and is tied to ALPH. With the possibly of switching ILS, we want to look at the feasibility of needing to rewrite of the whole tool; comparing that with other discovery tools. This would include a literature review.

The survey was discussed. It would be released on 2/25, run for 2 weeks and conclude around March 8, prior to when most schools go on spring break.

It would be distributed two ways a) via the list serve and on the headers of the institutional and union views.

One sample survey is short. Hoping to release the survey the 25th with a two week turn around March 8th.

Judy recommended checking on the need for IRB approval and Ellen agreed to check with UWF IRB and possibly with Laura Spears at UF.

Ellen is hoping to complete the report by June.

There was some additional discussion concerning the union/UBorrow view, but the discussion ended and Ellen agreed to notify the committee once IRB has been cleared.

c. ITN Timeline - Ellen

UWF met yesterday and the timeline has been updated.
https://falsc.libguides.com/ILS-ITN . To sum things up:
- March 1st is the submittal date.
- March 6th the evaluation team and reviewers meet.
- March 19th the evaluation team meets for scoring the demos.
- The demos are targeted for the first week in April.
- April 4th the evaluation team will meet and form any questions to send to the vendors.
- Staff have a similar opportunity to ask questions.
- April 19th the vendors must answer any questions.
- May 7th the evaluation team will have their final scoring meeting and make their recommendation.

There was discussion on the remaining timeline and realistic implementation expectations with 2022 being the hopeful year. Last time it took 4 months to negotiate.

2. Approve Agenda Topics for MCLS Meeting, March 7-8, 2019 Tom
   a. Consent Items
      i. Approve December Meeting Minutes
      ii. Accept FALSC Standing Committee Reports
   b. MCLS Processes and Procedures
      i. Standing Committee Vacancies Update
      ii. Determine Meeting Dates and Locations Beyond June 2019
      iii. Nominating Committee for 19-20 Elections Update
   c. Strategic Recommendations for 2020 and Beyond / SWOT Analysis

Tom asking everyone to think about an aspirational vision for the membership and possibilities on how we look at what is important. *To move away from what we have and more about what we do*, student success, cost savings, publication; We should be using the language of our administration. We also should be discussing where do we want to be in 5 years in these areas. *"Here is what the modern academic library does for student success".* We need to be able to tell our story in the language of administrators.
   d. Textbook Affordability and OER
   e. 2020 LBR Topics and Create a Working Group – ***maybe move this to June.***

Elijah shared some of his recent gleanings about the LBR process. Due to recent funding problems with UCF & USF (carry forward funds being used for building projects) there is legislative scrutiny on the universities & colleges and their carry forward funds. Why should the legislature increase funding when there are billions in these funds (about 1 billion in SUS and 1.2 billion in FCS)
There was additional discussion on the benefit of Open Athens the EZ Proxy project and the ability to analyze the value of specific resources and connecting the dots between that data and student success.

   f. FALSC Briefings
      i. Digital Services and OER
      ii. E-Resources
      iii. Integrated Library Services
      iv. Library Support and Training
   g. Distance Learning and Student Services Update
   h. Division of Library and Informational Services Update
   i. Next Gen ILS ITN Update
   j. OpenAthens Assessment Projects

3. CMESC Updates – Rachel

Rachel shared how the committee is analyzing collection usage, and cost per use; downloads & searches; 2018 vs 2019 pricing. There should be a draft report March 15th. She is also working on putting the data in a dashboard like Tableau. Additionally, Rachel discussed the challenges of getting data from vendors which is **Counter Compliant**. There were assurances that any new contracts include the need to get reliable data from the vendors.
Rachel already soliciting for price quotes for the next cycle- so that is moving forward.

4. Nominating Committee for 19 – 20 Elections Tom
Kathy and Karen have agreed to serve as the nominating committee and will come up with a slate of officers for the June meeting.

5. Executive Committee Meetings Tom Messner
   a. Confirm Next Meeting Date
      i. March 20, 2019
      ii. April 17, 2019
      iii. May 22, 2019
      iv. June 19, 2019

6. New Business
   Tom asked Elijah to invite ICUF to MCLS.

7. **Adjournment @ 3:43.**