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

**Thursday, October 1, 2020 – 1:00-2:30 p.m. EST**

**Committee Members:** Stephen Bannister (TCC), Gale Etschmaier (FSU), Teresa Faust (CCF), Janice Henderson (NWFSC), Brent Mai (UNF) Judith Russell (UF).

**Guests:** Ellen Bishop, Robert Dugan, Wendy Ellis, Brian Erb, Rachel Erb, Susan Rodgers, Elijah Scott, Rebel Cummings-Sauls, Lisa Tatum, Dave Whisenant.

### **1. Legislative Budget Request Update**

Banister wanted to get a status report on the talking points discussed at the last meeting and to be sure we were all on the same page about what we intended to do.

Henderson plans on submitting the draft to the Committee next week.

The talking points will not focus on the transition itself, but toward the need for funding next year and beyond, and to provide background. The intent is that library administrators at each institution will provide these talking points to their institutional administration and government relations staff to equip them to inform legislative and governor's staff.

The Florida Library Association and its lobbyist will use the talking points and include the FLVC LBR on their legislative advocacy agenda.

There is some concern that there will be two LBRs, one addressing the new Alma ILS separately from the other FLVC funding. There is also some concern funding might be split between FCS and SUS budgets.

The BOG transition team is to discuss the LBR at their meeting today.

The MOU with Northwest Regional Data Center/Florida State University as of yesterday has not yet been signed. The transition does not appear to be moving as quickly as we would like.

Dugan has been working on contracts and invoices that have gotten stuck in the transition.

It was suggested the Committee invite Tim Brown, NWRDC, to one of the Committee meetings. Scott had suggested to Brown that he attend the next MCLS meeting. Any appearance by Brown should wait until the MOU is signed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m. ET.

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