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

Thursday, November 5, 2020 – 1:00-2:30 p.m. EST

Committee Members: Stephen Banister (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.

Call to Order

Called to order at 1:02 pm.

FLVC/FSU/NWRDC Transition Plan

The transition is moving forward. FLVC staff attended new employee orientation at FSU. Nov. 30 will be the last day FLVC staff are employees of UWF; on Dec. 1 they will be employees of FSU.

Contracts are being transitioned, with primary focus on contracts for e-resources, which are based on the calendar year. Of the 70 e-resources contracts, 20 are receiving particular attention. There are about 144 other, non-e-resource, contracts to consider, with 24 contracts terminating and not transferring over to FSU.

After staff and contracts, the next priority is the transfer of financial assets.

Dugan and Scott both expressed gratitude for the unexpected ease of the transition and the helpfulness of FSU staff.

A concern was raised for the small number of FLVC staff who had their salaries reduced when the transition team determined essential services. Dugan reported that NWRDC is aware of the situation and intends to address it.

ILS Implementation Update

On Nov. 1, we entered the Full-40 test load phase. A kickoff meeting is scheduled and staff from all institutions are welcome. In the first week of February, Ex Libris is to release Alma to the individual institutions. February through May will be the testing time, and we need the assistance of all libraries' staff to explore and test.

A question was asked regarding access to Aleph after Alma goes live: Aleph will be frozen but accessible for 12 months after Alma is implemented.

A question was asked about an enhancement that was to be added in aid of joint use libraries: The enhancements are scheduled to be released in the second quarter (Q2, April-June) of 2021, but we will request that be moved to Q1 (January-March).

A question was again asked about Banner testing: Whisenant is spearheading the third-party integration; patron loads are next, which would include Banner. This will occur

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February-May and the plan is to be prepared to “hit the ground running” with testing of third-party integration in February.

A question was asked regarding the planned incorporation of the Ex Libris Leganto course resource list management module and whether that would hamper an institution that was trying to get bundled pricing with the Esploro research information module: FLVC will negotiate opt-in or preferred pricing options for those institutions.

New business

Discussion of the draft legislation establishing FLVC. The draft had not been released, but CSUL had been made aware of it and the transition team seemed surprised that FLVC had seen it.

A number of suggested edits and questions were discussed. The inconsistent organization of the text was a major concern.

Another major concern was the last section concerning the inclusion of district technical schools. The budget was built around the established list of essential services, but this section would expand the mission and create a substantial increase in costs.

Concern was raised about the placement of OER resources under the library section, as at many schools the library is interested but not in charge of the initiative.

There was some discussion of whether the Members Council should be mentioned in the statute.

The Committee voted to send a message to McKee, signed by Banister, Russell and Etschmaier, offering her to give some context to the draft before it is sent out to MCLS.

The consensus is that we need to take a proactive approach in suggesting improvements to the draft, and to move quickly.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. ET.



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