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

Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 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, Tim Brown, Wendy Ellis, Brian Erb, Rachel Erb, Susan Rodgers, Elijah Scott, Rebel Cummings-Sauls, Lisa Tatum, Dave Whisenant.

Call to Order

Called to order at 1:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meetings approved.

MCLS Processes and Procedures

June MCLS Meeting Date

No one is aware of conflicting events for June 3-4. The meeting will be planned as a virtual one.

Nominating Committee for 21-22 (Chair Elect, Secretary, FCS Rep-at-large)

Henderson volunteered for the Nominating Committee as two FCS candidates are sought. There was some discussion that with the continuing Committee members being relatively new to the Florida state system, at this time of restructuring it might prove beneficial to add Committee members who have been working in the system for a while to add context. Russell is willing to stand for Secretary.

Review of Draft Legislation

Brown had no update but may get more information at another meeting later today. It was asked if invoices for the institutional charges for continuing FLVC services through this fiscal year had been received by the institutions. The invoices were sent out on Jan. 15 to institutional CFOs. It had earlier been requested that the MCLS representative for the institution be copied on the invoice email, but this was not done. It was asked that FLVC/NWRDC send the MCLS representatives the information for their institution.

FALSC Briefings

Executive Director Update

Scott reported that everything was proceeding as planned and again thanked NWRDC and FSU for a smooth transition.

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Integrated Library Services

Bishop reported that they are on schedule to release the Full 40 test versions of Alma on Feb. 9, and a webinar is scheduled for that afternoon for library staff. User roles for library staff are now being set up. Another webinar will be offered after Feb. 9 when Primo VE is released. Ten duplicated virtual workshops will be offered Monday through Thursday from the first week of March through the first week of May. Another webinar will be offered to go over how the workshops will be administered. By the end of February, they will probably have assigned the date for the data freeze.

E-Resources

R. Erb reported a great many agreements has been executed before the holidays. One vendor has eliminated an annual platform fee. Agreements for Sage Premier, Springer Nature and NewsBank are still being finalized. Russell may have an update on Springer Nature after Monday. All of the 23 FCS institutions who voted in the NewsBank poll selected the three-year extension option

Digital Services and OER

Cummings-Sauls reported that two new journals were added to Florida Online Journals. The planning committee for the OER conference begins to meet this week. An icon for textbook affordability will be available for courses in the Online Course Catalog.

Library Support and Training

B. Erb reported only two FCS institutions have minor tweaks before all 28 are on OpenAthens. Six of the SUS institutions are also on OpenAthens, with the remainder waiting until after Alma implementation.

MCLS Agenda Topics

It was proposed that for the MCLS agenda and as much as possible in other areas, that Library Services be substituted for the FALSC acronym.

It was proposed that item E, FLVC/FSU/NWRSC Update, be moved up to item B. It was also proposed that an invitation to Nancy McKee (BOG) and Carrie Henderson (DOE) be extended by Bannister on behalf of the Committee, that item D, Draft Legislation, be renamed Update from BOG/DOE and be moved to item C.

A reminder was shared that a Consent Agenda means that the reports involved are not reviewed and addressed individually at the meetings, unless a specific question is raised.

New business

Following up on the report from the last meeting that Curriculum Builder (CB) will not work with Alma, Whisenant reported that an ad hoc committee of heavy institutional CB users



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met this week, and most have found work-arounds to accomplish many of the things CB does. Most institutions are balking at the high cost of the Ex Libris Leganto, which has additional features. It was proposed that FLVC host a webinar in which some of these work-arounds could be shared.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. ET.

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