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

Thursday, February 11, 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 1:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from previous meetings approved.

House Bill 847
Scott is not aware of anything regarding the House Bill beyond what is in the bill itself. Most of the language appears to be directly copied from the previous statute. Notable changes include the removal of the requirement that university resources be made available to all 4-year students in colleges and universities, and the addition of the "recommendation for process" regarding giving students in career and tech colleges access to resources.

No Senate bill has been posted yet.

The name “Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network (FPALN)” came directly from the Governor’s office, so it seems unlikely it will be changed. With “library” in the name, the question arises how it might affect DLSS. Organizational structure is not dictated by the proposed legislation, however, so the current structure could continue.

There is no mention of a specific portion of the budget for e-resources.

From this point, the bill will go before various committees to be scored. As no specific budget figures are attached to the bill, it should move easily.

Committee members noted that legislators and institutional administrators should all be made aware that the House bill, the Senate bill, and the two Legislative Budget Requests (SUS and FCS) must all be approved for the organization to continue to function. Reports from the college business office leaders and government relations staff indicate they are aware of the importance of all parts of the package being approved.

There was some discussion about FLA-PASS. It was suggested that this is probably not the time to attempt to make changes in that directive. However, it could be included in the recommendation for process report due in 2022 on the inclusion of career and technical colleges.
There was some discussion regarding the difficult new acronym FPALN. The possibility was raised that although it probably needed to remain as the designated name, it could do business under another, easier or catchier name.

**NWRDC/FSU/FLVC Update**
Brown was not present, and Scott indicated there was no update other than HB847.

**Library Services Updates**
*Executive Director*
Scott had no additional updates.

**Integrated Library Services**
Bishop reported the new ILS implementation remains on schedule. This week saw the release of the Full 40 test loads. More than 500 library staff participated in this week’s webinar on that release. Institutional URLs were sent to the ILS coordinators, and more than 1,400 individual library staff were set up for SSO authentication. Primo VE will be released next week, and there will be a webinar on that next Tuesday. Another webinar on March 9 will cover Alma analytics. The ExLibris workshops begin soon; these are not designed for initial training but as interactive workshops for those will some familiarity with Alma. Alma will be live in five months.

**E-Resources**
R. Erb reported that an extension for EDS and Curriculum Builder through Oct. 31, 2021, is nearly finalized. Some negotiations continue with Newsbank, Sage Premiere, and Springer-Nature. The additional sources in Newsbank is causing a need for URLs to be changed. An exploratory conversation is beginning with ACM for SUS.

**Library Support and Training**
B. Erb reported that all FCS libraries have completed implementation of OpenAthens. No more will be added until after Alma go-live. Six universities have not yet stated their intentions regarding OpenAthens. They need to declare by June 1 as the contract negotiations with OpenAthens depend on how many institutions will be using it. EZ Proxy and LiNCCweb will sunset on July 1, 2022.

**Digital Services and OER**
Cummings-Sauls reported that the URL for the PALMM (Publication of Archival, Library, & Museum Materials) website has changed to PALMM.digital.flvc.org. Users should automatically be redirected. The old PALMM address will sunset in 30 days. Service system upgrades are requiring changes in a number of digital services, including the sunsetting of Florida on Florida, and the migration of FLA OJ; other changes are being worked through. May 13-14 will probably be dates for the OER conference; the date will
be confirmed next week. Mention was made of a copyright small claims court set up in the US Copyright Office as part of the CASE Act, passed in December 2020; it is likely to increase the number of copyright infringement claims brought.

**New business**

There was no new business

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m. ET.