



Providing statewide library services to Florida's colleges and universities.

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

Thursday, March 25, 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.

The Committee will resume a monthly meeting schedule, the third Thursday of each month, 1:00-2:30 pm.

Library Services Updates

Executive Director

Tim Brown was unable to attend so Scott included NWRDC updates in his report. NWRDC has hired an outside consulting firm to advise on governance structure incorporating FLVC members councils. Some Committee members have already been interviewed and some FLVC staff will be interviewed next week.

Funding for FPLAN is on track in the State House. A conforming bill, PCB HEA 21-01, closely resembles the original House bill and does not include the Senate amendments. A discussion on OER was somewhat alarming, giving FPLAN the responsibility of negotiating all-inclusive textbook purchases. [Please ask Elijah to clarify/verify this section.]

Integrated Library Services

Bishop reports that the item process statuses for HATHI ETAS titles held by SUS will be changed back on May 7, between the Spring and Summer semesters. For New College, the date will be May 24.

Bishop reviewed the progress of the new ILS implementation to date. Institutions are reviewing data in their test loads and exploring function and workflow. SSO has been set up for library staff, assigning permissions and roles. Institutions are customizing the look and feel of their Primo interfaces. Coordinator Cheri McGraw has been offering weekly webinars on Primo VE and e-resources. Recordings of these are accessible on the implementation LibGuide.

www.falsc.org

1753 West Paul Dirac Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310
Phone: 850-922-6044

A division of the Florida Virtual Campus

RSSC has agreed that UBorrow will be suspended on May 1. Banner and pop-up messages to that effect will alert users. UBorrow will resume with go-live on July 13. Timeline for events like these is available on the LibGuide.

Whisenant reported progress on third party integration with Alma. Patron loads from 13 institutions are ready to go; FLVC has heard from all but a handful of institutions regarding the patron test load. Other integration worked on includes cash exports, AP feeds, SMS texting, OCLC access, self-check machines, and patron photos. Integration of some utilities cannot be performed before go-live.

E-Resources

R. Erb reported that an agreement has finally been reached with Springer-Nature for the current year. With this figure finally in, the surplus can be spent on one-time ebook purchases from Rowman & Littlefield and PACKT. Pricing proposals for next year were reviewed. Some vendors are not increasing prices at all, some are offering increases of 0.5-2% on their rolled-back COVID year pricing. Some are offering multi-year deals, with price increases spelled out for each year. The proposed multi-year agreement with EBSCO is concerning because we contract for so many resources from them that even a small percentage increase means tens of thousands of dollars. All these proposals are being shared with CMESC. There was brief discussion of multi-year agreements, with consensus that they may be considered as long as contingency on appropriation clauses are included.

Library Support and Training

B. Erb reported that his resources have shifted to support of Alma training. FIU is ready to go with OpenAthens when Alma goes live. Erb worked with Springshare to affect OpenAthens link updates in LibGuides. [Check w Brian on this.] There have been more than 3.5 million platform accessions via OpenAthens. There was brief discussion on connectivity problems with EZProxy and other widespread related problems that occurred earlier in the week due to Oracle errors.

Digital Services and OER

Cummings-Sauls reported that a webinar was held on a consortial agreement with DOAJ that would provide discounted sponsorship rates and some institutions expressed interest. The FloridaOJ upgrade was approved and new content is being loaded.

New business

There was no new business

Meeting adjourned 1:53 pm. Next meeting is April 15.
