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

Monday, July 26, 2021 – 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST

Committee Members: Stephen Banister (TCC), Christine Boatright (FGC), Gale Etschmaier (FSU), Brent Mai (UNF), Morgan Tracy (SSC), 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 2:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes
Russell made a motion to approve the June 17 meeting minutes. Mai seconded; motion passed.

FSU/NWRDC/FLVC Update
Brown and Scott announced Friday, August 6 is the retreat for the Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC) Governance Board. The purpose of this retreat is to discuss how to integrate representation for Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) into the NWRDC governance structure and what the best path is to adjust the governance structure from the options that have been proposed from RSM consulting report. Brown stated the hope is to come out of that meeting with a clear path.

FLVC Organization History
Henderson gave an overview of the FLVC organizational history. Discussion followed.

MCLS Processes and Procedures
December 2-3, 2021 was discussed as the next Members Council meeting date. There was conversation on whether to hold the meeting virtual or in-person. It was agreed that virtual was the best option due to the Covid-19 variant being on the rise and budgeting among the institutions.

Library Services Updates
Executive Director
Scott stated the ILS has been live for 13 days. Everything seems to be going very well. The transition over went well despite a couple of hiccups. FLVC will continue with clean ups well into the future.
Integrated Library Services
Bishop reported that it has been a successful migration and implementation. Tickets are continuing to come into the help desk. Open office hours were set up prior to go live to help with any issues or questions. Library services is continuing to hold these open office hours. The focus now is on some of the next generation features and customizations for institutions.
The second week of August Ex Libris will deliver the twelve sandboxes. These are the premium test environments. The implementation libguide is still up and all the information is still there. FLVC will be creating new libguide dedicated for Alma/Primo Ve resources. Scott proposed sunsetting the ILS working groups, discussion groups, implantation team, at end of August. Scott suggested encouraging these members to apply to work on the standing committees. Ellen suggested an amendment to keeping ILS coordinators and the discussion lists open for another month. Russell moved to accept the proposal of sunsetting the ILS groups and leaving the ILS coordinators list and keeping the discussion groups open for another month. Mai moved; motion passed.

E-Resources
R. Erb stated negotiations for the statewide collection are ongoing.
Group licensing is underway. Quotes seem to be taking a little longer than previous years. Consortia manager for group licensing will be still be launched on August 2.

Library Support and Training
B. Erb reported that training had been covered in Bishop’s implementation report.
OpenAthens is still underway. FIU just went live with OpenAthens. They hope to get the final fours schools started in the next couple of weeks.

Digital Services and OER
Cummings-Sauls stated the OJS test server was released. The production update is scheduled for August 9-13. FLVC is working on the ETD server migration. That server will be decommissioned once everything is moved over.

September MCLS Meeting Topics.
The committee reviewed September’s Member Council meeting topics. It was suggested to change all “FALSC” titled items to Library Services. Rodgers will make those changes.
New business
September’s Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for the same day as the Members Council meeting. Rodgers will send out a poll for rescheduling options.

Meeting adjourned 3:15 pm.