

**Approved Minutes  
GALILEO Steering Committee  
Wimba Classroom  
Friday, December 5, 2008  
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Attendees: Michael Bain, Gordon Baker, Carol Bray, Susan Cooley, Mary Jo Fayoyin, , Cynthia Henderson, Debbie Holmes, Bede Mitchell, Merryll Penson, William Potter, Kirsten Pylant, Susan Ralph, Mary Jane Rootes, Rachel Schipper, Judy Serritella, Leslie St. John, Tammy Sugarman, Toni Zimmerman.

Technical Support: Karen Minton, Courtney McGough  
Minutes: Deborah Shackelford

- 1) Welcome and Introductions - (Bray) Meeting was called to order at 10:05.
- 2) Approval of May 2 and August 22 Minutes - (Bray)

Minutes of May 2: No changes.

Minutes of August 22 changes: On page 2, items numbered 9, 10, and 11 should be numbered 5, 6, and 7.

Motion made to accept minutes. (Motion made by Judy Serritella, seconded by Rachel Schipper). Minutes approved as distributed and with changes to August 22 minutes.

- 3) Executive Director Report (Penson). The GALILEO Activities report was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting time. All enrollment figures were not available for all academic institutions, but for the University System, enrollment has increased to almost 12,000 more students which mean challenges given budget cuts. For the USG this year, CSA was canceled and the USG will not fund *College Source* for next year. Also, *Currents Contents* will be cancelled by the USG for FY2009. We are looking at other options for USG and AMPALS, possibly *Web of Science*, and we hope people will be taking advantage of looking at the trial. The Technical Schools are looking at a 10% reduction based on this year, but their enrollment is also up. Merryll had the opportunity to participate in a hearing that was conducted by the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations -- The Best Value in Government Committee. This committee is looking at the details of the activities of the Board of Regents, GALILEO being one of those activities. Merryll received some questions of things that people didn't understand because they weren't familiar with GALILEO. One question was, is GALILEO available in all schools? The answer, of course, is yes. People wanted to know about remote access and how did people get access from home. They also wanted to know if any of the information was free on Google (not a surprise question). They wanted to know more about the high cost

of academic journals. The USG Chancellor did point out that GALILEO was an important program that is in danger of atrophying if funding problems are not addressed.

Merryll sent the activity report and preliminary results from the annual survey to the Committee prior to meeting time.

The question was asked if it has been decided about GIL Express for next year (Mary Jane Rootes) for the USG. Because of budgets cuts and the courier service delivery system in place, it was determined that the USG would suspend GIL Express. That was met with a lot of concern by students and faculty and they were quite vocal about those concerns with the University System leadership and the Governor's office. As a result there was an opportunity to postpone cancellation and have GIL Express operate through the end of this semester. People are hopeful that we can continue GIL Express. Hopefully some communication will come forward regarding GIL express soon. There is a strong desire to find a way to continue. [GIL Express will continue]

- 4) Ecollection (Schipper) – Rachel Schipper presented a summary of the GALILEO2 project timeline. Rachel thanked everyone for sharing their workforce with the project. First phase of the project should wrap up in February. The committee is currently reviewing recommendations and is meeting via phone or on Wimba. The committee will take an in depth look at two questions that were on the GALILEO survey. Lydia Knight's team has created a template to use on database collections. Several of her team are now working with Teams 3 and 4. Several gaps have been noted. In particular, it was noted that K-6 items are lacking. EBSCO can suffice for 7-12 areas for students more adapt at reading and doing more in-depth research. K-6 is something we need to work on. Suggestions were to retain the *SIRS Discoverer* and *Literary Reference Center* and *History Reference Center*. There is interest in the *GALE, Jr.* collection. *Kids Search* and *Searchasaurus* are not uniquely different in nature. The team is going to try to focus on the needs for K-6 levels. It was also noted that the *AJC* is needed by most constituencies particularly the current *AJC* rather than the historical. Biographies are definitely needed, for example, *GALE Biography Resource Center*, *H.W. Wilson* and *American National Biography*. Some are considering looking at *Lexis Nexis* to see if it should be retained or are there other resources that fill that need. *Lexis Nexis* is also not available to the entire GALILEO constituency. It was also noted that a comprehensive image collection might be a good addition. The suggestion was *AP Photo Archive*. While it is not in the core collection, we had several suggestions about audio books. People felt that audio books were something that would enhance GALILEO, so the committee will take a look at what is available. A list of questions was developed for Merryll to take to vendors regarding costs efficiency. The next steps are to review the trials that are available and review the survey materials from the

GALILEO annual survey. Teams 3 and 4 (Tonner, Pylant) are gathering information on databases other than the Core and they are using Lydia's template to make recommendations about *Westlaw Campus Research* and *Lexis Nexis*. Since *Lexis Nexis* is used by the USG, AMPALS, GPALS, and TCSG, each constituency is working on feedback. A Trial of *Campus Research* and *Web of Science* are available on GALILEO. The team found a number of the same gaps mentioned by the Core team and the GALILEO survey. The Top three subject gaps were in terms of reference resources, science resources, and literature resources. Others gaps were in terms of business, tutoring/test prep/full text serials, and streaming media. The team is now looking to do short term and long term recommendations, getting feedback concerning specific databases and looking at the Core. The Committee will also have a group examine and compare newspaper resources.

#### 5) Report from the Library Communities

- a). AMPALS - (Cynthia Henderson) AMPALS has met but the majority of their conversation was around databases and they need to get together with GPALS. Cynthia will be contacting Bob Glass and Mike Bain concerning that.
- b). GPALS - (Michael Bain) GPALS has met. Their time is consumed by formalizing various processes. GPALS applauds Rachel and her committee for their work on the contents of GALILEO.
- c). DOE - (Judy Serritella) Judy also thanked Rachel and the committee for their hard work. DOE is currently working on the contract with BOR. Judy also thanked Rachel for helping get 70 iPods delivered to the Georgia Academy for the Blind in Macon.
- d). GISA - (Kirsten Pylant) GISA has hit a few snags with some of the schools that came on line not understanding about GALILEO, but they are trying to get it all worked out and trying to continue and grow GISA. Kirsten expressed appreciation of the work the committee is doing. She was appreciative of the team members who have set aside their schedules to work on the committee.
- e). TCSG – No report.
- f). GPLS - (Susan Cooley) Public Libraries have had a major cut in materials as far as all state monies received. Everybody is trying to make adjustments. There is a meeting next week in Savannah for those interested in the new audit procedures and also consortial services. (Toni Zimmerman) In regards to GOLD, Toni just finished processing the first quarter stats for interlibrary loan. GPLS should

be returning a little over \$23,000 in reimbursements that will go out to the libraries by end of December or shortly after beginning of the calendar year. GPLS may need to make a cut of at least one database in the \$100,000 range for FY2010. No decision has been made, but two that are slated for possible sacrifice are *Encyclopedia Britannica* and *Books In Review*. GPLS will not make any extreme action any time soon and they are doing everything possible including some creative federal funding to maintain resources that they were able to have in the past.

- g). USG - (Carol Bray) – The face-to-face Fall meeting of the RACL group was held this year in three different meetings over Wimba. During the last meeting RACL had a presentation on security, privacy and bandwidth. One meeting concerned VUFind, a discovery tool. Debbie Holmes is heading up a group looking at a product called Empowers – an information literacy tool, to adapt for USG to fit the needs of GALILEO. Rachel and others are involved in the eCollection Development committee, and a new committee has been appointed to oversee the ongoing USG core curriculum initiative. And finally, the group is trying to decide what to do about the GIL User's Group Meeting (GUGM). They are trying to see if GUGM can be conducted online or possibly in regional face-to-face meetings.

6. Comments/Questions (Penson) The ICOLC group has been talking about budget cuts because everyone is experiencing these cuts. The group is looking to see if they can make a statement to publishers to remind publishers of the need to work with their clients.

7. Next meeting – the next GALILEO Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2009 via Wimba. The agenda will be distributed closer to meeting time.

8. Adjournment.