

**Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, October 8, 2010
10:00 AM – 11:05 AM**

Attendees: Elizabeth Bagley, Gordon Baker, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, LaVerne McLaughlin, Tad Mindeman, Bede Mitchell, Catherine Murray-Rust, Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, Kirsten Pylant, Mary Rootes, Gene Ruffin, Nan Seamans, Joan Taylor, Shawn Tonner, Toni Zimmerman

1) Welcome and Introductions (Mitchell)

Mitchell reported on a meeting of the Regents Academic Committees (RAC's), including the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries. The committees were given an orientation about the role of the Academic Committees in the Board of Regents. Mitchell felt that RACL has really benefitted from the support that the Library Service group in the BOR ITS has provided to ensure their awareness of USG interests. The final subject of the meeting was the core curriculum and the role of the RAC committees in approving courses related to the core by Fall of 2011.

2) Approval of August 20, 2010 Minutes (Mitchell)

Minutes were approved as submitted.

3) Report from Executive Director (Penson)

- The Chancellor has announced the timeline for his departure in June 2011.
- In September, the Department of Education determined that they could not pay the differential that they had been paying for their GALILEO databases and support, resulting in the cancellation of the SIRS database package. In addition, the complimentary resources provided from ProQuest including Research Library and ProQuest Newspapers will no longer be available.
- The ITS area of the Board of Regents has been reorganized effective October 1. A Reduction in Force (RIF) action was conducted as part of the implementation of that reorganization, affecting 15 employees.
- Tyler Walters has decided not to leave Georgia Tech, and will remain as the leader of the GALILEO Knowledge Repository project.
- The 15th GALILEO birthday celebrations continued with a "birthday meet up" on September 21st. Over 80 participants logged into their computers to share memories, and thoughts about the future, as well as participate in door prize drawings, a GALILEO-related trivia contest, and award prizes for the GALILEO life contest. The Life Contest winners included media specialists from Glynn Academy Amy Bradley and Melissa Purcell, a media specialist and three students from Clarke Middle School Shawn Hinger, Mary Merritt, Gemma English, and Emma Clarke, Hiroko Turner from Richmond County School System, and student Viktorija Pogue from Georgia Southern University.

Thomson Reuters and LexisNexis donated prizes. The event concluded with the traditional birthday song and a blowing out of the virtual candles. Many libraries held their own celebrations that day; the GALILEO scrapbook includes pictures, fan quotes, and Life Contest entries: www.scrapbook.galileo.usg.edu

- A new feature is now included within the Find It Service, which is powered by the SFX OpenURL software. bX is an article recommendation service that appears in Find It menus when recommendations for other “like” articles are available. These recommendations are relevant because they are based on the analysis of millions of transactions related to the context of the user’s work. Ex Libris combs the SFX usage statistics in order to discover relationships between articles. They are looking, in particular, for other similar articles a user may have accessed in association with other articles. This use data is then mined for subject and keyword connections in order to make the recommendations stronger. bX recommendations are only available for articles where data/relationships exist. It is possible that recommendations will not appear in all Find It menus.

4) GALILEO Steering Committee Strategic Plan (Mitchell)

Mitchell has compiled the sections of the RACL strategic plan that relate to GALILEO to compose a draft GALILEO Steering Committee Strategic Plan. He distributed this draft. A GALILEO Strategic Priority 7 Task Force has been appointed to address advocacy for GALILEO: Ann Hamilton from Georgia Southern (Chair), Ted Bazemore from Clayton County Library System, Susan Cooley from Sarah Hightower Regional Library System, Beth Hammond from Mercer University, Debbie Meyer from Shorter College, Stephanie Middleton from Columbus Technical College, Yadira Payne from Augusta State University, Gail Roberts from Southwest Georgia Technical College, and Dr. Phyllis Snipes and Mary Rootes from University of West Georgia. Their work will include the creation of a database of people that are knowledgeable stakeholders for GALILEO and proposing approaches to promotion and assessment. Mitchell asked the group for feedback on the strategic plan and based on comments will forward a prologue based the RACL plan prologue.

5) Reports from the Library Communities

- **AMPALS (Liz Bagley):**
A number of the AMPALS institutions had birthday celebrations. Their next meeting is November 4th.
- **GPALS (Mindeman):**
Their next meeting is on October 29th. He went to the ALA LITA conference and attended the GALILEO staff presentation on mobile devices.
- **DOE (Serritella – not present): No Report.**

- **GPLS (Zimmerman):** The reimbursement checks for fourth quarter FY2010 will be out soon. Over 11,000 loans were made. Reimbursements are down in general. Planned 10% budget reductions are affecting the public library systems; reductions in positions are inevitable. The Public Library Directors and the Regents Committee on Public Libraries have been discussing how to distribute the impacts, and have been asked to provide a formal recommendation to GPLS by December. The 2010 Summer Reading Program was the most successful ever. Tim Daniells, the Assistant State Librarian, has left GPLS and now has a position at Lyrasis. The position has been advertised. Former Assistant State Librarian Lynn Hopper's position is also vacant. The GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference had an attendance of 299.
- **TCSG (Brooks – not present):** No report
- **GISA (Pylant):**
Pylant offered thanks to the GALILEO Steering Committee on behalf of GISA for the opportunity to participate. They have received a lot of support from Merryll Penson and the GALILEO staff in order to ensure continued participation. Many independent schools are struggling to stay open; several have closed. The uncertainty about their ability to start the school year in September presented some challenges for finalizing GALILEO participation for that group.
- **USG (Mitchell):**
Enrollments are up at most USG campuses but not all. The North Georgia College and State University President is retiring.

6) New Business (Mitchell)

None.

7) Next Meeting Dates (Mitchell)

The next meeting will be at the Henry County Public Library on December 3, 2010.

8) Adjourn (Mitchell)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.