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Assessment Interdepartment Work Team Meeting

August 10, 2015

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Attendance: Bede Mitchell
Fred Smith
Bob Fernekes
Lori Gwinett

David Lowder
Rebecca Ziegler
Kendria Lee

LiLi Li
Jeff Mortimore
Lisa Smith

Institutional Effectiveness Plan for FY16: We reviewed the draft plan and agreed it was ready for final ratification at the August 12 Library Convocation.

We identified the groups and individuals who are responsible for the data collection and analysis for each of the assessment objectives. The only area of uncertainty was the web usability tests. We will continue to work with Professor Wainford's class on web usability, but this year we also wished to conduct some web usability testing ourselves, to fill in some knowledge gaps that are not addressed by the student-conducted tests. We agreed that the next Assessment Team meeting would focus on planning and carrying out our own tests.

Fred described a project he has been thinking about for some time: a study of why book circulation is so low and continuing to decline. Jeff and Rebecca expressed interest in working with Fred on such a study, and Paolo Gujilde had already indicated via e-mail he would like to participate. We will put the topic on the next Library faculty agenda to see if there are other interested librarians.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 14.