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Assessment Work Team Essence Notes

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Attending: Bede Mitchell, Debra Skinner, Fred Smith, Jeff Mortimore, David Lowder, Paolo Gujilde, Lili Li.

Sam Wainford’s class project to test our web pages: Bede will ask Tony to compile the most frequently asked questions about finding information on our website. We will then forward the questions to Professor Wainford with a request that they be included in the class’s spring tests.

Jeff will proceed with completing and submitting the IRB forms so we may proceed with our own web usability tests beginning in January. Bede, Debra, and Paolo have already completed the CITI human subjects training and so will be listed with Jeff as co-principal investigators. Other library faculty can be added as co-PI’s once they complete the CITI training. Without that certification, individuals are not permitted access to the raw data that will be collected.

Lili has compiled a list of journals with the highest impact factors in the various disciplines being taught at Georgia Southern. Debra has assigned staff to investigate whether we do not subscribe to any of the high impact titles.

Bede distributed a “Return on Investment” formula used by the University of West Florida to estimate the library’s impact on faculty and student productivity. We will review to see if we would like to adapt the formula for our own use.