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Library Liaisons Meeting Essence Notes

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**GOBI and Notification Slips:**
Paolo announced that Notification Slips have been turned back on in the approval plan. Liaisons should check to make sure their notification slips are back to the original state they were prior to being turned off; they should have nothing in the /B or /S codes. Paolo will now work on cleaning up records of users that are no longer affiliated with Georgia Southern, along with old folders. Liaisons are requested to check their folders to see if there is anything in them they still want. He will also clean up notification slips on those individuals no longer here and any names in the system that need deleting. Contact Paolo if you have any questions or need assistance.

**DDA Update:**
Paolo reminded the liaisons that the E-preferred Approval Plan was transferred to DDA back in March, and the price range was increased to $150 ($200 if a set), and after $150 we go to slips. He reported that since September there has been no great increase in purchases in DDA. Over the past few years there have been 428 books purchased through DDA. Liaisons should contact Paolo if they feel their areas would be interested in DDA.

**Updating the approval profile:**
Paolo discussed five major fund areas that need consideration in updating our approval profile. He shared last year’s information documenting spending from five major funds, i.e., the number of titles purchased, and the amount expended. He reported that of the $280,000 spent last year, 50% was made up of these five funds. He suggested we look into these areas and decide how we can revise them to better identify what is being purchased. The floor was opened for discussion and suggestions.

It was decided that Paolo will work up a five year cumulative chart, adding a column to report circulation. From this chart we may then decide whether some funds need to have sub-divisions. Paolo will revise his report based on the suggestions voiced and share with liaisons by the end of November. Liaison should study the report prior to the January 21 meeting and be prepared to discuss and prioritize the areas. Plans are to have the updated profile ready by Spring in order to make changes effective July 1.

Bede reported that at the SGA Advisory Committee students reported disappointment in the depth of holdings in IRC in the area of children’s literature and asked if the library would consider increasing our holdings. Paolo will contact IRC regarding how they choose their collection for discussion at a future liaisons’ meeting.

**Charleston Conference Report-Paolo:**
Paolo reported on a session on liaison newsletters, which he feels would benefit the liaisons in their outreach to departments. Liaisons at University of Central Florida Library prepare and email newsletters to their departments on whatever scheduled they set. To simplify the process, they have a template in which they highlight databases and other information beneficial to their department. Discussion followed with suggestions on how our liaisons could participate in such a project. Paolo and Lori will work with Janet in creating a simple template that liaisons may use in publishing their newsletter. Any additional suggestions or comments may be sent to Paolo or Lori.
The New Information Literacy framework:
Ann reported for Ruth on information pertaining to changes in ACRL’s approach to information literacy. She shared Ruth’s copy of the newly revised draft of Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education. The Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education, adopted by ACRL in 2000, are being significantly revised. (http://acrl.ala.org/ilstandards/?page_id=133) A short synopsis, prepared by Ruth, highlighting the important issues will be shared. Bede asked if the draft will be ready for ACRL Board review by Midwinter, but no one knew any details.

LJ Academic Newswire
Ann reported on an article of interest in the latest issue of Newswire. It described the ROAD Directory of Open Access Scholarly Resources, a service offered by the ISSN International Centre with the support of the Communication and Information Sector of UNESCO. There’s a lot of information in the issue about the Charleston Conference. Ann will share the link for the issue.

Promoting our liaisons on campus:
Jocelyn reported on visiting the Georgia State campus during freshman orientation. Inspired by flyers placed on message boards in the dorms promoting library liaisons, she came back to work and created a similar flyer promoting our liaisons. The flyer was viewed by the group and all agreed this would be a great way to inform students of the liaisons and the services they provide. It was suggested the flyers be put in other locations across campus, on our Facebook page and other social media, and in dorm rooms for Welcome Week.

Announcements:
Jessica reported that WestlawNext Campus Research has upgraded their interface to make it more user friendly and the library has been granted early access. A new icon can be found on the web page. She’ll promote the upgrade in the newsbox and blog for campus access beginning in January 2015.

2015 Meeting Dates:
Liaison meeting dates for 2015 will remain on the same schedule, every second Wednesday, with the exception of the January meeting which will be held on January 21 because of the holidays.