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Scholarly Communications Work Team Essence Notes

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Scholarly Communications Work Team Meeting

February 15, 2016

Report on Open House Event

Three faculty members attended the Open House from the departments of Mathematical Sciences, Sociology and Anthropology, and Criminal Justice and Criminology.

- The Mathematical Sciences faculty member already has a journal and SelectedWorks profile in Digital Commons. He discussed with Ashley and Krystal the best ways to advertise to faculty. He stated that he was convinced to use Digital Commons for his journal after the presentation by Ashley and Debra at a department meeting.
- The Sociology and Anthropology faculty member wanted to know if she had a SelectedWorks profile. She did not and she sent her information to Ashley within a week of the event.
- The Criminal Justice and Criminology faculty member wanted to know more about the features of SelectedWorks’ new interface, as he has already has a profile.

Further Open House Events

Bede suggested traveling Open Houses, in which the events would occur in the colleges’ buildings. It was decided to organize traveling Open Houses with the following details:

- The traveling Open Houses will promote general “faculty services” instead of only Digital Commons and related services.
- One or two traveling Open Houses would be organized during the Spring 2016 semester as trial runs for potential Open Houses in the Fall 2016 semester.
- Ashley will attend the next liaisons meeting to decide the target areas. She will compile a list of her top suggestions based on areas that do not have many SelectedWorks profiles but have shown interest in the past.
- The traveling Open Houses will be timed to occur following a department meeting or an event (such as those hosted by QuaRC) to ensure that the target faculty are present.
- At minimum, the following will be present at each traveling Open House: Ashley (promoting Digital Commons and related services), Jeff (promoting data curation), and the liaison(s) of the targeted areas.

New SelectedWorks Interface

Ashley highlighted features of the new SelectedWorks interface:

- Administrators are alerted when affiliated faculty update their site. This makes it easier for the Digital Commons office to update their faculty publication department lists.
- The new interface is easier for faculty to enter in data, as they no longer need to know HTML in the abstract field. The introductory paragraph field will now allow for links as well as bold and italic text.
- The profiles are made to be more visual and will show samples of images or videos. If faculty do not like the new look, they can choose to have it appear in list form similar to the previous interface.
DMPTool Overview

Jeff highlighted features of DMPTool, which is an online portal for authoring and managing data management plans, including:

- Account setup and management.
- Templates for major grant funders, including the NSF, NIH, Department of Energy, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.
- Template-specific content guidance and considerations for authors.
- Co-authorship, copying, sharing, and export tools.

Georgia Southern University is now a partner institution with DMPTool, supporting local branding and content customizations.

Meeting attendance: Debra Skinner, Jeffrey Mortimore, Ashley Lowery, Paolo Gujilde, Krystal King, Kay Coates, Lori Gwinnett