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Library Liaisons Meetings Essence Notes

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The Library Liaisons met to discuss the idea of establishing a type of newsletter or other means for regularly sending out information to faculty. Such a system would establish a consistent way of sending our messages or explanation of topics of interest and would not require each liaison to draft individual messages.

The consensus of the group was that it would be a valuable and more consistent way of getting information out than just using the library’s blog, etc. Rebecca Ziegler suggested that the system have set content as a way of reminding faculty of things and also new content as it become available.

Dean Mitchell reported that Debra Skinner has suggested establishing such a system in Digital Commons. Benefits would allow for easier archiving of content and being able to pull content worth repeating. He suggested we also ask the deans to distribute our newsletter through their college distribution system. He added that the library’s blog could contain a link to current or recent issues of the newsletter. At times, some content could be highlighted in the newsbox.

The members were asked to bring suggestions for the first couple of issues to the faculty meeting on Monday for discussion.

Dean Mitchell reported on the Digital Commons link which shows total downloads of Georgia Southern works across the globe.

New Business:
Fred Smith questioned the recent increase spent on new books. Paolo Gujilde reported that some of the increase was due to the price cap being raised from $100 to $150. He reminded faculty that they should look over their section of the collection profile prior to the review that will take place in the next few weeks. Dean Mitchell discussed the importance of reviewing our circulation data and profile, in order for us to make wiser spending decisions in the future.