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Library Liaisons Meeting Essence Notes

Alva Wilbanks
Accreditation Program Reviews:
Paolo presented the liaisons with a proactive approach to acquiring data for academic program reviews. He suggested creating a template containing a narrative of the library that could be updated each year. By having a template of basic information, liaisons could plug in data, tables, graphs, etc., that relate to their particular programs coming up for review. Liaisons would also have a section where they could discuss each program.

Using information provided on the Provost’s website about the programs coming up for review each year, liaisons could start in mid-July or early August gathering information for these programs and plugging it into the templates. Once the templates are completed liaisons could provide the library representatives and department heads with the information for them to use when they start preparing for their program reviews. All agreed that such a template would prove beneficial for program review. It was also agreed that a template for accreditation reviews would be helpful. Paolo will draft a template for the liaisons’ review at the next meeting.

NY Times Online Interface: Tabled for the next meeting. It was suggested that this new resource be featured in the first Liaison Newsletter for fall term.

Reexamine Liaison Assignments- Swaps or reassignments?:
A listing of the current liaisons was reviewed. Ann reported that new faculty member, Jeff Mortimore, will not serve as a liaison. No concerns, needs or reassignments were voiced. Any errors in liaison listings on the web page should be directed to Janet Burns (copy David Lowder). Paolo will forward the current listing to the liaisons for their review.

Bob voiced suggestions for changes to the list as follows:
Bob is the liaison librarian/subject specialist for Information Systems (COBA). As a COBA department, the focus/scope is business applications (such as, Management Information Systems, etc.). On Paolo’s list, the department chair needs to be updated to read: Camille Rogers and the liaison/ subject specialist to read: Bob Fernekes. In addition, the Library Liaison webpage for Information Systems needs to read: Bob Fernekes.

The liaisons URL is:  http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/services/library-liaisons/

Promotion of the Updated Approval Plan:
The liaisons discussed the new opt-in Library Approval Plan for Monographs and discussed ways in which to share the news with faculty. The article regarding the new plan posted on the library’s blog was reviewed. Bob suggested deleting paragraph #2 as it is currently written and in its place, add a short paragraph to identify the relationship of the approval Plan and DDA.

Paolo demonstrated how the plan will work allowing access to all electronic and print editions listed in the library’s catalog. It was suggested that the information on the plan be added to the library’s web page section
under “Services for Faculty”. Another suggestion was to note the selling points for the new plan: more total books to choose from, and library savings.

Rebecca voiced concern over the new program, feeling that it may have a negative effect on the library’s collection. Debra added that it was not advantageous for us to keep the old program. The new program should prove more cost effective and have no negative effect on our collection. She stressed the importance of presenting the program to faculty in a positive manner.

The liaisons’ fall newsletter will include information regarding the new opt-in approval plan. Paolo offered to meet with any of the liaisons and their departments for further clarification on the program if needed.