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Faculty Senate Library Committee Meetings Essence Notes

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Faculty Senate Library Committee
February 22, 2016
Essence Notes

Attending: Bede Mitchell, Richard Flynn, John Barkoulas, Beth Downs, Quentin Fang, Ursula Pritham, Hani Samawi, Fred Smith, Russell Thackston, Jennifer Kowalewski, Paolo Gujilde, Jeff Mortimore, Jessica Minihan.

Demonstration of New Services: Faculty members Jessica Minihan, Jeff Mortimore and Paolo Gujilde presented information on three new library services.

BrowZine: Jessica presented a short overview of the BrowZine service which allows you to browse, read, and follow thousands of the library's scholarly journals on your computer, iOS or Android mobile devices. It assists in keeping track of your favorite journals and discovering new journals. For more information and instructions on how to use the BrowZine service go to <http://georgiasouthern.libanswers.com/faq/95047>.

Flipster: Jeff gave a demonstration of the new Flipster platform which enables one to view popular magazine subscriptions in print format online. Flipster is compatible with web browsers and mobile devices, and allows readers to flip through pages that look identical to the print copy. One may access Flipster on the library website from the e-Journals tab, the GALILEO A-Z Databases list, the LibGuides A-Z list, or on select research guides. Individual Flipster titles are available through Discover and in the library catalog. For more information go to <http://georgiasouthern.libanswers.com/faq/86771>. Additional support is available at [EBSCO Support Guide](#).

Overdrive @ Georgia Southern: Paolo reported on the new service which facilitates browsing and accessing popular eBooks and audiobooks directly on your computer or mobile device. OverDrive @ Georgia Southern is available via the catalog, on the GALILEO A-Z database list, on the LibGuides A-Z Database list, and on select research guides. Individual OverDrive books may also be found in the library catalog. Overdrive ebooks and audiobooks may be checked out for 14 days, and are automatically returned to the library at the end of the checkout period. For instructions on installing and using the service on your computer and/or mobile devices go to

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Develop a New Series of Faculty Scholarship Celebrations? Richard Flynn reported on an issue raised at the latest Faculty Senate meeting which resulted in the suggestion that the Library Committee might be interested in taking on the project of developing some type of faculty scholarship recognition. Dr. Karl Peace had sent a Request for Information to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, asking why the ceremony held at the Spring Faculty Meeting recognizing faculty who had published books during that year had been stopped. Richard reported that Dr. Bartels stated that one reason it is no longer held is because it privileges book publishing over other forms of scholarship. This brought forth a discussion of having an event that recognizes scholarship in general and if the library would be interested in promoting such an event. Discussion arose, bringing out pros and cons of developing such a program, how involving all scholarship would create a huge undertaking and the many decisions to be made: what kind of ceremony would facilitate recognizing all scholarship? What scholarship, if any, should be excluded? Bede encouraged the group to discuss this issue with their colleagues for more discussion at a future meeting.

LibQUAL+ Survey: Bede gave an overview of the library's ongoing LibQUAL+ Survey which will measure the library's service quality. The information will be helpful in allowing the library to benchmark the results against other campuses and identify best practices which can be established as library goals for next year. Our past LibQUAL+ results can also be compared with the current survey to see if there has been progress or if there are widening gaps between the expectations of library patrons and the services and information resources we provide. Participants in the survey are eligible for prizes which include a Kindle Reader, and Zach's Brews gift cards. The survey will close on Friday, February 26. Bede announced that he may request a Library Committee to review the results if they are not received too late in the semester. Otherwise he will send Library Committee members a summary of the results via email.

Budget Update: Bede reported that the library's budget remains the same as past years, with no budget increase, bills that continue to increase, and hopes of receiving year-end funding. He added that with the announcement from the Chancellor that there will be no tuition increase, the probability of receiving the same amount of year-end funds as in the past is doubtful.