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Faculty Senate Library Committee Meetings Essence Notes

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Faculty Senate Library Committee
September 21, 2016
Essence Notes

Attending: Bede Mitchell, Fred Smith, Harvey Moody, John Barkoulas, Laxman Pandey, Linda Kimsey, Rebecca Kennerly, Russell Thackston, Timothy Giles, Ursula Pritham, Debra Skinner, Paolo Gujilde, Jessica Minihan, Alva Britt.

The purpose of the meeting was to establish the process for obtaining feedback from academic departments regarding which resources currently licensed by Henderson Library should be the first to be dropped in the event that the Library's budget shortfall cannot be covered through year-end funds. Dean Mitchell presented a draft example of how the subscriptions could be organized showing usage data and other pertinent information for review by departments.

Following discussion, suggestions to be incorporated into the final draft were voiced:

- List databases and E-journals separately
- List subscriptions from low to high usage
- Include cost per usage column

Jessica Minihan noted that in most cases if you drop an E-journal you lose access to past issues.

Dean Mitchell reported that the library's current \$978,000 shortfall is being pursued by the Provost, who is urging the President's Cabinet to increase the library's budget. Dean Mitchell shared peer institution benchmark data justifying why Henderson Library needs more funding. When the call is made for year-end funding needs he will show the library's shortfall. He added that once the low usage list is distributed, departments will need to submit justification as to why a subscription should not be cut, otherwise, it will be cut.

Debra Skinner stated that the template will have a drop down menu for ranking each subscription. Dean Mitchell suggested including a default instead such as "titles I do not need".

Additional suggestions for inclusion in the correspondence to departments included:

- Emphasizing that content from eliminated subscriptions will continue to be available, but access will take slightly longer instead of being instantaneous. Access is still offered through such means as interlibrary loan.
- Documenting faculty complaints and how the library is addressing them
- Include a link to the collection listing.
- Prepare a one page *fact sheet* explaining to deans, chairs, and faculty the need for this project, its Goals, and the general process we are proposing.

Based on the discussion and suggestions voiced at today's meeting, Russell Thackston and Dean Mitchell will prepare a presentation to bring back to the Library Committee for feedback prior to presenting it to the Faculty Senate at their October 31 meeting.

(Attachment: IPEDS GSU and 10 Peers Benchmark Chart)

IPEDS GSU and 10 Peers* Library Expenditures Per FTE Comparison (2013-2014 preliminary release data)

| UnitID | Institution Name | Total expenditures (salaries/wages benefits materials/services and operations/maintenance) (AL2014) | Total library expenditures per FTE (DRVAL2014) | Ranked by Total library expenditures per FTE |
|--------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 198464 | East Carolina University | \$17,350,208 | \$696 | 1 |
| 197869 | Appalachian State University | \$10,789,185 | \$608 | 2 |
| 150136 | Ball State University | \$11,087,689 | \$566 | 3 |
| 220978 | Middle Tennessee State University | \$9,774,790 | \$481 | 4 |
| 145813 | Illinois State University | \$8,819,294 | \$476 | 5 |
| 232423 | James Madison University | \$9,365,775 | \$466 | 6 |
| 201441 | Bowling Green State University-Main Campus | \$6,973,744 | \$432 | 7 |
| 199218 | University of North Carolina Wilmington | \$5,300,114 | \$398 | 8 |
| 227881 | Sam Houston State University | \$6,287,369 | \$379 | 9 |
| 213020 | Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Main Campus | \$4,720,093 | \$335 | 10 |
| 139931 | Georgia Southern University | \$5,746,501 | \$303 | 11 |
| Peer Group Average | | | \$467 | |

Source of data: <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/Data.aspx>. Job number: Guest_832083998070

* Peer institutions list from Office of the President's webpage @ <http://president.georgiasouthern.edu/peer-institutions/>

