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Library Liaisons Meeting Essence Notes

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There are 10 information packets left over from the New Faculty Orientation. So far as we know, all attendees received a packet, but some of the new faculty who attended the NFO on Thursday did not return on Friday. So liaisons may find that as they reach out to the new faculty in their liaison departments, some did not attend our session and so may be interested in getting one of the extra packets. We will keep them here in the office.

Bede consulted Provost Bartels regarding the official student learning outcomes (SLOs) for each academic program, and she confirmed that departments were expected to have posted their SLOs to their public web pages in time for the SACS reaccreditation visit. Liaisons are encouraged to review the SLOs to see if any suggest opportunities for reaching out to the faculty with suggestions as to how we can help students master the SLOs.

Lori, Lisa, and Paolo were selected to be co-coordinators of the Liaisons Work Team.

We agreed the following points should be shared at any fall faculty meetings we are able to attend:

- The Library’s budget is overextended due to efforts to maximize faculty and student access to information resources. We are working with the University Administration to try to increase the Library budget, but the University has not received sufficient new funding from the state to cover our shortfall, and year-end funds are not expected to be enough to cover the shortfall either. Therefore, over the course of the academic year we will be seeking feedback from the departments regarding what current database and journal subscriptions should be considered the highest priorities.

- In recent weeks, the library has added roughly 45 new ProQuest databases to our collections. These new databases are funded through the Board of Regents and access is provided by GALILEO. These new databases can be browsed from the library’s A-Z database list, available here: http://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/az.php.

- The library currently is making changes to the Library Resources menu in MyGS and to the library’s web pages. We hope that these changes will simplify the user experience and improve access to library resources. For example, you may have noticed that the GALILEO link has been removed from MyGS. This does not mean that any GALILEO resources are going away. Rather, in order to improve access to these resources on and off-campus, we are encouraging everyone to access them through the library website, from which we are able to provide improved access and support. Watch for news about these changes.

- Watch for regular news and updates in our brief Liaisons newsletter issues - how would you like us to share the issues with you (currently using GSFAC)?
• Along with the recent addition of over 40 new ProQuest databases, the Board of Regents recently funded the addition of several hundred thousand ebooks to the library collection. Access is provided by GALILEO. These new ebook titles will be searchable via the library catalog in the near future. New EBSCO ebooks may be searched via Discover @ Georgia Southern now, and individual EBSCO ebook collections are searchable from the library’s A-Z database list, available here: http://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/az.php. New ebrary ebooks may be searched now via the ebrary platform available from the library’s A-Z database list. Watch for news about these ebooks.

• Offer our “Library Support for the Research Cycle” workshop

• Consultations for faculty and graduate students

• Writing Center now in Library Learning Commons. Your students can get help with finding appropriate sources, with writing a paper, with citing within a paper (We now have citation workshops which can supplement the assistance received in the Writing Center, making )

• Choice Reviews Online is now Choice Reviews and has a brand new website. If you currently maintain a personal account for Choice Reviews Online, including any lists, alerts, or statistics, you will need to recreate these on the new website. The library has prepared a FAQ post at http://georgiasouthern.libanswers.com/faq/86782 with instructions for creating a new account.

• How to add items to e-reserves or traditional course reserves

• EBSCO alerts - great service to helping faculty keep abreast of research in their fields, one of the things faculty are asked to rate us for in the LibQUAL+ survey. The library has prepared a FAQ post at http://georgiasouthern.libanswers.com/faq/130844 with instructions for setting up EBSCO alerts.

• Remember the ultimate take-away is librarians are here to help faculty a) teach students to master research and learning skills, and b) make faculty’s lives easier by assisting them in their scholarly endeavors

Lisa, Rebecca, Paolo, and Lori agreed to serve on a task force to develop plans for better promoting liaison services.

Clement urged the team to develop specific goals so we will be able to measure the effectiveness of the liaison program. He shared with us the analyses of the LibQUAL+ 2016 survey responses that pertain to information literacy.