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# Faculty Senate Library Committee Meetings Essence Notes

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## Faculty Senate Library Committee

February 15, 2017

### Essence Notes

Attending: W. Bede Mitchell, Russell Thackston, Fred Smith, Elizabeth Downs, John Barkoulas, Timothy Giles, Rebecca Kennerly, Linda Kimsey, Laxman Pandey, Ursula Pritham, Harvey Moody, Alva Britt.

**Subscription Review Update:** Bede reported that as of today, just a few departments have responded to the request for feedback on subscriptions to low-use periodicals and databases (Dept. of Psychology, School of Nursing, and the School of Bachelor for General Studies). A reminder to those departments not responding has been sent and another one will be sent out the first of March prior to the March 10 deadline. Following the deadline a summary of the responses will be drafted sorting the titles into three categories: 1) no support for saving, 2) maybe; some support expressed, and 3) one or more departments voiced a need; do not cancel except as a last resort. The Library Committee will be called upon to review the responses and offer feedback. A final report will go out to the entire faculty and updates will be posted via GSFAC and the library liaisons. Discussion followed with committee members voicing their concerns regarding the lack of response from their departments. Some commented that they have not received any correspondence regarding the survey. A few reported on how their department has handled editing the large number of titles down to those relative to their disciplines. Bede suggested that in discussing the titles they are unsure of, to compare the cost of keeping the subscription to the cost of acquiring an article through ILL. He stated that in eliminating titles that are low-usage, it may be possible to add more important titles that faculty have requested in the past couple of years. Bede will raise the issue at the next Deans Council meeting, reminding them of the deadline and offering assistance to departments if needed. He will also forward the Library Committee the reminder email he sent the deans so that those who are concerned might approach their deans and department chairs, share the information with them again, and offer encouragement and assistance to get the ball rolling. Committee members may also reach out to their department liaisons who can also encourage participation.

### **Consolidation Update:**

Bede reported on some of the consolidation implications for the library. One concern is the issue of total budget dollars directed per FTE students for Henderson Library. Once the amounts are combined the total drops from our \$303 to \$291 per FTE student. Other concerns are overlapping of subscriptions. Book purchasing at both libraries appears to be similar. Expanding databases to the Savannah campus will be additional costs that Armstrong's Lane Library budget will not be able to fully cover. Bede reported on the playbook strategy that will be followed during the consolidation. There will be 26 Functional Area committees, one of which will be focused on library matters. There will be a Georgia Southern Co-Chair, which has not yet been named, and one from Armstrong, already appointed, Doug Frazier, Director of Lane Library. These committees will be tasked with addressing issues that must be completed by June in order for the Consolidation Implementation Committee (CIC) to develop a prospectus to be submitted to SACS in August.

The Library Committee will be tasked with the follow:

- Merge Library Operations and staffing
- Revise Library and Learning Resources Section for SACSCOC Prospectus
- Review, Reconcile, and Revise Library Policies
- Submit Updated Job Descriptions for Classified Positions to HR Review
- Reconcile, and Revise Library Goals and Develop Joint Goals
- Ensure Library Systems and Client Interfaces are a Priority in IT Pipeline
- Choose Best Option to Sustain & Garner Funds for Scholarly Commons
- Complete Changes Associated with Specialty Departments Print Media, e-Resources
- Review, Revise and Consolidate Library Websites

- Keep Planning to Consolidate Print and E-Resources
- Negotiate with Vendors

Bede will continue to update the Library Committee as information regarding the library becomes available.

***Remnant Trust Exhibit:***

Bede reported on the exhibit of rare books and manuscripts in the Library through the end of the semester and distributed a list of the titles. In addition, The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences' *Great Minds Lecture Series* this semester is incorporating one or more of the documents and has them on display during the lectures. Visit [library.georgiasouthern.edu](http://library.georgiasouthern.edu) to find out more regarding the exhibit and the lectures.

***New York Times:***

Bede informed the committee that the library has a site license for The New York Times, which enables Georgia Southern faculty and students to access the full site and archives by activating an account at no cost to them. The site includes many complementary educational resources and study guides that utilize NY Times content and which can greatly enhance teaching of a wide variety of subjects. A representative is currently on campus visiting departments and volunteering assistance on how to access the site and use the resources in classes.

***Educational Resources Symposium:***

Bede shared information on a symposium he and Linda Kimsey recently attended entitled *Symposium on the Future of Educational Resources*. Part of the symposium reported on how students at the University of Georgia took a leadership role in finding alternatives to very expensive textbooks. He recently shared this information with the SGA Library Committee members in hopes they might be interested in doing something similar, perhaps collaborating with the Library Committee. A discussion followed on the topic and how it relates to the USG's *Affordable Learning Georgia* program. Bede shared the link to the symposium presentations with the committee and asked that they review it for future discussion.

[http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/events/symposium\\_2016](http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/events/symposium_2016)

The next meeting of the Library Committee will be scheduled for the week following spring break.