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# Scholarly Communications Work Team Essence Notes

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**Scholarly Communications Work Team Meeting  
August 21, 2017, 4-5pm, Library Conference Room**

**Minutes**

ATTENDING: R. Baker, J. Gerrald, L. Haas, J. Mortimore, F. Smith & L. Smith

Agenda:

1. Update on Fall Traveling Houses: CHHS, COBA

CHHS

Lisa reported that she met with her contact in CHHS (Kim Harp) but none of the suggested would work for them. Lisa said that since Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> is during Open Access Week, she would reach out to them about scheduling an Open House, similar to the one that was held in COSM, on that date.

Lisa also noted that CHHS has a message board that could be used to promote the Open House and will work on a suitable location, possibly a lobby or open area. She added that Health & Kinesiology has active research faculty. Fred asked if CHHS are heavy users of Selected Works; Jeff replied he would need to look at the records to determine that.

COBA

Jeff reported on the recent Selected Works build over the summer for COBA profiles so it will be easier to do outreach with them. There was some discussion of outreach ideas. Leslie noted the author workshops that Elsevier has held in the past. The target population would be junior faculty and graduate students and could be held a couple of times per year. Leslie suggested that the Library might offer to co-sponsor an event with CT2.

2. PlumX Promotion (Fall 2017)

Jeff noted that the Office of Research has not committed to funding PlumX after next year so there is a real need to increase awareness of the product among faculty to promote its use. Digital Commons staff are planning to promote the use of PlumX metrics by pushing reports to faculty with their Selected Works profiles, probably by mid-semester, in Fall 2017. The first point of contact can be outreach through the liaisons. There are plans to offer a training/information session for the liaisons at the October Liaisons Work

Team meeting. In addition, there is a meeting with COE administrators to discuss building Selected Works profiles in mid-September.

a) Outreach to New Faculty (Fall 2017)

There are two separate groups we can approach: those new to teaching; and experienced faculty who are new to Georgia Southern. We also discussed the creation of a Scholarly Communications guide which will have a section devoted to altmetrics (including PlumX). This will be prepared, in part, for the Oct. liaisons meeting and other planned outreach efforts.

b) Outreach to faculty (Fall 2017) scheduled for mandatory P & T Review (Spring 2018)

Because of the P&T timeline, these faculty need to be contacted in the Fall semester preceding their P&T review year (i.e., we should contact this fall faculty who will go up for review in FY18-19). One idea is to ask the liaisons (possibly at the Sept. liaisons Work Team meeting) to reach out to Dept. Chairs to ask for a list of faculty we can contact. We could draft a memo outlining the services we can offer to support the development of their portfolios (Selected Works profiles, PlumX and other metrics (e.g. IF, H-index)).

In the absence of a concrete list, we could pursue a less targeted strategy of 1) a soft rollout of services and 2) invitation to faculty to get in touch with their liaison, if they are preparing for P&T review.

3. Old Business

Ruth reported on discussions with Debra Walker in CT2 about joint programming in Spring 2018; CT2 is especially interested in the idea of a workshop on altmetrics.

4. New Business

The PlumX outreach will lay the groundwork/raise awareness in Spring 2018. Ruth and Jeff plan to have a similar meeting with Bruxanne Hein (Director of the Office of Research) on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, to discuss joint programming and faculty outreach.

~Notes by R. Baker, 9-22-17