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Library Liaisons Meetings Essence Notes

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Liaison Work Team Meeting Notes

November 14, 2016, 3pm-4:45p

Attendees: Lisa Smith, Lori Gwinett, Kay Coates, Ruth Baker, Bede Mitchell, Clement Lau, Jeff Mortimore, Billy Glasco, Rebecca Ziegler, Debra Skinner, Fred Smith, Lili Li, Jessica Miinhian

Fall Newsletter:

Paolo would like to have a fall newsletter ready by November 28th. We have a few topics in mind already, including an announcement of our newest Library faculty member, Billy Glasco. Please send any ideas you have directly to Paolo immediately, and plan to have the article ready by November 23.

Jeff Mortimore presented an idea for a new platform for the Liaison newsletter. He, Paolo, and Lori discussed the idea of changing the current format to something new. Instead of creating a pdf of the newsletter, they would like for us to consider using LibGuide CMS (Content Management System). This platform would allow us to create groups of guides that will have independent branding. Jeff shared an example of how this may look from the Las Vegas Public Library website at http://hottopics.lvccld.org/. He is still exploring this new upgrade from LibGuides, and if we move forward with it, it will be sometime in the spring.

Liaison Outreach Sub-committee:

When the Liaison Committee first transitioned to a work team in September, a few of us the members volunteered to work on a sub-committee to work on faculty outreach projects that would be shared and approved by the WorkTeam. This group currently consists of Lori, Paolo, Rebecca, and Lisa. We plan to meet in early December to begin work on two projects.

1) Create the content and format for two Liaison posters. One will be worded for faculty and the other designed with students in mind. These posters would be available for display in academic buildings.

2) Select a gift for new Georgia Southern faculty to be given at the New Faculty Orientation in fall of 2017. We hope to identify some sample ideas for gifts to share with the Work Team at future meetings of the work team.

Open Forum (Share your topics of interest or concern with the work team):

Bede shared two items: At our next meeting, Debra Exum, Educational Engagement Manager of the New York Times, would like to join us (by Webinar) at our next meeting on December 12 to ask Liaisons for help and ideas for getting the New York Times usage to increase across our campus. We agreed to have her as our guest in December.

Bede’s other item was a point of clarification of the purpose of the meeting he agreed to put together in January with Kathy Albertson and Dan Bauer from Writing and Linguistics. One reason is to discuss how the library faculty and the Writing and Linguistics faculty can work together in helping students with writing assignments, including scavenger hunt assignments. The 2nd reason, which dealt with demonstrating the Credo InfoLit Modules, is no longer necessary as this has been scheduled at a separate meeting.
Clement asked if any Liaison had used the LibQUAL data that reports faculty responses by college to gather feedback from faculty. There were only a few who responded, but a discussion ensued regarding what are liaisons allowed to discuss or are expected to discuss with their faculty. A few shared their thoughts concerning being unsure if topics, such as the LibQUAL data or the subscription reviews are permissible for us to discuss, and if so, what should the message be. The essence of this discussion is that we should review the data in our respective colleges. Please remember that the faculty response in the survey was very low, and we cannot make assumptions based entirely on these responses. If after reviewing the data you would like to discuss some possible talking points to share with faculty, feel free to make an appointment with Clement and Bede to work on a message for your faculty. Other library faculty, including Kay and Ruth, shared ways that they are currently communicating with their faculty and gathering feedback from them. In our conversations with faculty, we should ask for feedback about library collections and services.

Jessica Minihan asked that we add to our January 2017 agenda the topic of re-assignment of liaison subject areas. She wishes to give her area of Mathematics to someone who may want to be the Math liaison.

**Announcements:**

Next meeting: December 12, 2016 at 3pm, Conference Room

Recorded by Lisa Smith