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Library Faculty Meeting Essence Notes

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EBSCO redirect screen problem (Jessica Minihan)
The faculty was updated on the problems being encountered with the EBSCO redirect screen problem and gave examples of how the system is responding. (Note: Debra reported that libraries literally all over the world are reporting the redirect screen problem, not only in EDS, but also in some EBSCO databases. For now, if you see the redirect screen, be patient, for a couple of seconds, and the link does work. EBSCO reported they have a problem with a server and hope to have the problem fixed very soon.)

JSTOR Update (Jessica Minihan)
JSTOR Turnaways: Faculty received a copy of the current top 50 titles in the JSTOR 2014 Total Turnaways and Current Holdings report. Jessica gave examples of how the system responds when the Find It Button is clicked. It was suggested to change the “Search for Resource” on the webpage to “Check to see if your library owns this in print form” or “Check for your resource in the GIL Library”.

“Article Databases” Tab on Home Page:
Dean Mitchell reported that several classes are participating in usability testing on our the library’s webpage. Once the testing is completed, faculty can review the results and follow up on this suggestion.

Promotion and Tenure Policies & Procedures: Updating of Appendix IX:
Dean Mitchell requested faculty review Appendix IX: (Research, Scholarship, and Professional Development and Service Activities for Tenure and/or Promotion). At a future meeting, the faculty will review the activities and values assigned for possible revisions. The last modifications were made about two years ago.

Collaboration in the USG Libraries -Report to RACL:
The faculty discussed the report, which has been accepted by the RACL Executive Committee, pointing out sections they liked or were concerned about. It was suggested that this would be a good topic for discussion at GUGM. Dean Mitchell asked faculty to bring what they hear regarding the report back to the faculty for further discussion on the topic.

Faculty Senate and Campus Committee Reports:

Faculty Senate: (Rebecca Ziegler)
- Both President Keel and Provost Bartels agree that service should be highly valued for promotion and tenure activity.
- Common core courses are in the process of course review; there is concern regarding the rubric being used.
FY15 Budget - Dean Mitchell gave an update regarding budget merit increases: 2% pool. Formal letters will be forthcoming. Legislature has completed bulk of work. Pending is a vote on tuition increase. If approved, increase will hit some university budgets, but not necessarily across the university system.

Undergraduate Committee Report: (Ruth Baker)
- Acknowledged fifteen program reviews completed on time.
- Normal catalogue changes.
- Ruth completes her two year service on the committee.

Faculty Research Committee Report: (Paolo Gujilde)
- Donation (Approx. $2000): Balance of a Faculty Research Grant (International Studies) to be directed to the library for the purchase of books. Paolo will work with committee for processing the purchase of the designated books.

Department Reports:

Information Services Department: (Jocelyn Poole)
- Two online exhibits in progress: National Library Week
  National Public Health Week

Access Services Department: (Fred Smith)
- Department practicing ways in which they can wow library patrons. Example: As patrons are checking out staff will ask if they found everything they were looking for or if they need any assistance, etc.
- When possible, talking up services offered by the department that the patron might not be aware of.
- When a patron is checking out a number of books in a narrow range, direct them to the new books section for further possible finds.

Collection and Resource Development Department: (Debra Skinner)
- Following up on campus visits by three candidates for the position of Discover Services and Data Curation Librarian. Faculty and staff are asked to complete a survey she will send out on the candidates. If possible, please complete and submit by Tuesday noon.

Announcements:

Trip to Tattnall County Wiregrass Seed Library: Tuesday, April 14, Bede and Ann will tour the seed library for gathering information for the formation of a seed library in conjunction with the Statesboro Farmers Market and the Garden of the Coastal Plain.