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FACULTY SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Faculty Senate Library Committee Meeting Date – February 27th, 2019

- Present: Stephanie Jones; College of Education; Kristi Smith, Lane Library; Christian Hanna, Waters College of Health Professionals; Natalie Ingalsbe, College of Arts & Humanities; W. Bede Mitchell, Dean of the GS Libraries; Allissa Lee, College of Business; Douglas Frazier, Director of Lane Library & Associate Dean of the GS Libraries; Donna Mullenax, College of Science & Mathematics; Meghan Dove, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences; Ruth Whitworth, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health;
- Presenters: Autumn Johnson Special Collections Research Services, Henderson library; Ruth Baker, Scholarly Communications, Henderson Library
- Guests: Debra Skinner; Head of Collection & Resources Services, Henderson Library; Leslie Hass; Head of Research Services, Henderson Library; Jessica Garner Head of Access Services, Henderson Library; Rebecca Hunnicutt Catalog Metadata Librarian, Henderson Library; Michael Benjamin, College of Arts & Humanities; Lizette Cruz; Sr. Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the GS libraries.
- Absent: John R. O'Malley, College of Engineering & Computing; Clement Lau; Director of Henderson Library & Associate Dean of the GS Libraries.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. W. Bede Mitchell called the meeting to order on Monday, February 27th at 3:40PM.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. GS Libraries Budget Update

Dr. Mitchell has not yet received any information on the 10% budget redirection and therefore had no real update. If he receives any information that would indicate any significant cut to the Libraries budget or any change whatsoever he will convene a meeting as soon as possible.

B. Faculty Scholarship/ Publications Program Proposal

Autumn Johnson and Ruth Baker presented a proposal for an annual Faculty Scholarship and Publications program to highlight faculty research to the campus community. Everyone was provided with a handout outlining the proposal. The program will highlight the library's role in aiding faculty research, encourage research awareness among the undergraduate and graduate populations, and increase the profile of Special Collections as a caretaker of institutional history. The program would consist of an event to take in place around November of 2019. They presented the ways that the libraries presently promote faculty scholarship. They proposed several programs to feature the work of faculty and promote them especially to the undergraduate population. Dr. Mitchell asked for input on thoughts about the idea. It was suggested to have a reception and Autumn agreed that they have considered doing so. The faculty invited to speak at the event would be chosen by approaching dept. heads for their recommendations and through library liaisons. It was suggested that maybe choosing one faculty member per college would be another way of picking faculty to highlight.

The event could be duplicated at both the Statesboro and Armstrong campus simultaneously, or could be a larger event held at one campus. Another idea was to do it in the fall at one campus and in the spring at the other campus. There was discussion back and forth about which way would be best. It would be an open event to everyone, community and students. Dr. Mitchell suggested that everyone should take the proposal and work on the ideas presented today. The revised version can then be shared and once everyone is comfortable with general concept, Dr. Mitchell can take the proposal to Dr. Reiber. After the provost approves the proposal, the details and specifics can be worked out. Everyone agreed.

C. Other Business

Leslie Haas asked the committee to think about what services and changes they felt are needed from the Libraries in light of the consolidation as it pertained to outreach to faculty on the Georgia Southern campuses and to get that information back to her. The Libraries are working on a plan but would like the input of faculty, along with the surveys, focus groups and interviews they are planning.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. There were no other announcements.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 at 3:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lizette Cruz, Recording Coordinator