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Library Faculty Meeting
August 3, 2015 - Essence Notes

Attendance:   Bede Mitchell  Katrina Jackson  Jocelyn Poole  Bob Fernekes
Jeff Mortimore  Ruth Baker  Paolo Gujildo  Lori Gwinett
Lisa Smith  Fred Smith  Lili Li  Rebecca Ziegler
Jessica Minihan  Debra Skinner  Alva Wilbanks

Consent Agenda:  Motions presented from the Collections Work Team were adopted.
   ● E-Books-Addition to Browsing Collection
   ● DVD Collection

Business Agenda:

   ● Next Generation Library System: Bede reported on information received at the July 31 RACL
     meeting which covered the timeline and general implementation plans of the system. USG has selected
     Ex Libris Alma as our new system. Although USG is already committed to using EDS, once Alma is
     implemented, the possibility of changing to Primo could be revisited. Data clean-up issues were
     discussed, and the project’s open director position. Hopes are to have someone in place by early
     September prior to Merryll Penson’s retirement date of September 30. Suggestions for viewing
     websites that have done well with Alma implementations are Virginia Commonwealth University Library
     and Seattle University Library. Bede noted that the meeting ended with a discussion on the possible
     collaboration ideas that might be considered for a system of only one database versus the current
     multiple database system.

   ● Associate Dean Responsibilities: Discussion covered a position draft based on suggestions from
     faculty and staff. All were in agreement that, considering that we are in a re-organizational structure
     mode, the best direction to take would be to recruit a talented, energetic person who is well qualified in
     administration. With both the assessment officer position and the associate dean position vacant, Bede
     feels the need to move ahead in filling the associate dean’s position with a possible target date of
     January 1. He will address the issue at the library staff position and again at Library Convocation.

   ● Database Requests: Jessica reviewed the listings for the Literature Criticism Online Series, explaining
     the costs and purchase options available. Discussion took place on the cost of the series and how to
     obtain funding with our current budget already obligated. Debra noted that our current continuations
     only total $38,000. Prior to the next faculty meeting, C&RS will distribute to faculty a list of titles that
     might be considered for dropping. Until we review our continuations and other funding options, we
     cannot commit to the new requests.

   ● Discover/EDS Update: Jeff reported on several EDS items: The Children’s Literature Comprehensive
     Database is active for review as a target in EDS (an index and abstract source, not full text); some of
     the text is being changed on some of the top level filters; the limiter “in library collection” has been
     hidden until such time as we can have it working properly; work is being done on the full text custom
     links to normalize them so that they have similar behaviors in similar texts and reducing link
     fragmentation; consideration is being made in regard to making some high level configurations in EDS
     to simplify our management.

     Jeff stated that if no objection is voiced, he would like to eliminate the Basic Search link in the
     homepage box, offering only an Advanced Search link and allowing the box to accept an open or
     empty search. Please send any feedback or comments to Jeff.
• **E-Team Communications:** Jeff requested that all issues and requests be emailed to E-team support. There is now an E-Team FAQ available online where updates will be posted on any ongoing E-team projects. The faculty FAQ link will be hidden from the public; they will still see the public FAQ. The url will be sent to faculty.

• **Old Business:**

  **Professional Development and Scholarship Learning Community:** This item has been tabled due to lack of interest.

• **Announcements:**

  Bede reported on the hiring of retiree Charles Skewis who will be working in C&RS on a Part-time basis for this fiscal year only beginning Sept. 14. He explained that the position is only made available due to funds in open faculty position lines that can be utilized for such temporary positions while recruiting for the vacancies.

  Jocelyn announced the resignation of Kendria Lee effective August 14. Kendria will be taking a position as Operations Manager with the Vice President of External Affairs.

  Jessica announced that the Elsevier Representative will be here on Tuesday, August 4, 3:00 pm in the library conference room.

  System’s Department new employee Kyle Herman will start on September 1. Kyle replaces Jenna Bayto.

  Rebecca announced that she has some of her artwork on display at Sugar Magnolia.

  Faculty Spotlight: Watch for the Faculty Spotlight on Debra Skinner coming soon!