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Library Faculty Meeting Essence Notes

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Next Generation Library System Overviews: Everyone is invited to attend the sessions to be held:
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 9:30 - 11 am, Conf. Rm; Wednesday, Oct. 14, 9:30 - 11 am, Rm 1300, and 1:30 - 3 pm Conf. Rm; Thursday, Oct. 15, 2:30 - 4 pm, Conf. Rm.

Associate Dean Recruitment Update: Review of applicants completed with seven identified for Skype interviews to begin on Wednesday, October 6. Anticipate narrowing down to three applicants for campus interviews, following reference checks.

Low Book Use: Fred expressed concern over the low usage of books in the library which has steadily declined over the past seven years. He, along with Tony, Paolo and Rebecca, want other volunteers to join them in finding ways to acquire some information on what factors are influencing the decline. Paolo stated that he plans to address the issue by subject and expressed two things to be addressed in this task: 1) a syllabus analysis by faculty and 2) recording faculty interviews about the required information they want their students to use. Jocelyn suggested checking with other institutions to see if they have conducted such a study. Discussion followed on other possible factors involved in the decline. Those interested in working on this task should contact Fred.

Interdepartmental Work Team Reports:

Report on Public Service Work Team meeting:
The Public Services Work Team is trying to arrive at ways to save personnel money, and specifically Access Services student assistant funding. ISD student funding is paid for by the Tech Fee, so there is nothing to be gained by cutting those hours. It is unlikely that Tech Fee money could be used for any students working at the Checkout Desk. In order to reduce Access student hours, approaches were discussed to either shift Checkout Desk work to the Information Desk or reduce work at the Checkout Desk. Shifting work would take the form of asking ISD students to check out headphones, laptops, and maybe schedule Graduate Study Rooms. Reducing work might take the form of affixing headphones to work stations, purchasing laptop dispensers, and using Libguide software to schedule the Graduate Study rooms.

Department Reports:

Collection and Resource Services:
Debra distributed an update on the expenses for books for July 1 - October 5th. She stated that requests are coming in almost every day and the largest category is for print firm orders. She will keep faculty updated on this area of expense.
Debra reported on specific resources coming up for renewal, noting that some were followed up on by faculty and one or two had been approved for cancelling. Faculty then reviewed the list in detail noting those that need additional follow up, those that could be cancelled, and those that show enough usage to warrant renewal.

- **Education Law Reporter** - Kay Coates will check with Education faculty about current use of this resource. Any final decision will have to be made in conjunction with Bulloch Law.
- **Statistical Yearbook** - Faculty voted to cancel, but Lori Gwinett will take a look to make sure the information is available elsewhere before a final decision is made to cancel.
- **Dictionary of International Biography** - Faculty consensus was to cancel this title.
- **ACRL Publications Standing Order** - Faculty consensus was to cancel the standing order and order individual titles as needed.
- **Wall Street Journal Print Index** - Faculty consensus was to cancel.
- **New York Times Print Index** - Faculty consensus was to cancel.

A list of resources up for continuation were distributed. Faculty are requested to review their areas, discuss their areas with their faculty and be prepared to make recommendations at a future meeting.

Jessica reported she is currently reviewing the ScienceDirect collections to determine the titles most frequently used and whether they are available in duplicate packages. The collections currently cost $535,000 but will increase over the next three years to over $700,000. There are currently 800 titles in the ScienceDirect subject collections. Faculty who have any particular title they want her to research should contact her.

**Faculty Senate Report: (Jessica) (September 9th meeting update)**

- Presidential Search Committee composed of 19 members (faculty, staff and community individuals)
- Outrage voiced on temporarily losing parking in the area of the new academic building construction.
- Concerns voiced over new Marketing and Communications Policy; request for clarification from Jan Bond.
- Several new Senate representatives chosen.
- Motion to enforce summer registration policies in Banner.
- Discussion on revision of Intellectual Property Policies.

**Announcements:**

November 2 faculty meeting will be attended by Provost Diana Cone.

Spring Graduation and Honors Day Rotation Schedule distributed. All faculty attend December graduation.