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Library Liaisons Meetings Essence Notes

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Liaison Work team Meeting  
September 18, 2017

Attendees: Bede, Clement, Lisa, Lori, Fred, Ruth, Jeff, Lili, Leslie, Debra, Jessica G., and Kay

1) **Graphic Novel Program:** Lori announced the upcoming program developed by Nikki regarding one of her faculty who is conducting a presentation on the 2nd floor of the library. Nikki is drafting an email that you are all welcome to use or you can write your own to send to your respective liaison areas. Jeff was credited for coming up with the catchy program title. “Scientific Stories, Frame by Frame: Using Sequential Art for Science Education” by Dr. John Van Stan, October 26 at 2pm.

2) **Liaison Assignments/Rebecca’s Replacement:** Leslie asked that we think about how we want to handle the Liaison assignments currently held by Rebecca Ziegler, who is retiring at the end of this semester. Do we want to re-assign her areas to others who may be very interested in them and recruit someone to have other subject specialties? We will think about these questions and have a special meeting soon to discuss them at length. The following are Rebecca’s liaison areas: Literature, Art, Writing & Linguistics, Religion, Irish Studies, Fashion Merchandising/Apparel Design, Interior Design

3) **Review of Touchscreens Layout and Content:** Lisa and Lori have begun to review the content of the touchscreen monitors. They pointed out that much of the content is out of date and no longer accurate. A lengthy conversation ensued touching on the various ways the monitors could be put to better use. Ideas included the following:

- Correcting the text and images that are no longer accurate
- stripping down the maps to provide less detail
- creating a virtual tour using a Go-Pro camera
- using Google SketchUp to create better floor maps
- reviewing the location of the screens, and if feasible, relocate to more high-use areas.
- Creating a screen-saver that makes users aware that the touchscreens are meant for getting help.
- Building a LibGuide and putting it in Kiosk mode. It will be easy to edit and look more familiar to those who use shopping mall directories.

4) **Liaison Posters:** Please send Lori your Liaison poster by September 29th. If you have already sent it and want to make some changes, there is still time. If you can send them to her before the deadline, Lori will work on putting together the slides to review before the next meeting of the Liaisons. Also, we will discuss together the timing for the rotation of each slide.

5) **Successful encounters of the Liaison Kind:**
   a. Ruth announced she has office hours in the Carroll Building, is scheduled to attend an upcoming Departmental meeting for Sociology & Anthropology, and her poster is on the electronic sign in the Carroll Building
b. Lisa announced that she has been working with two Intro to Exercise Science professors who are 1st time faculty and whose course is a designated QEP course.

c. Leslie announced a recent conservation with Dr. Michael Pemberton, Director of the Writing Center. They are exploring how the library faculty may help with an upcoming Writers’ Boot Camp.

6) **Problems, Issues, and Questions for the Group:**

   a. Clement reported on the International Conversation Hour hosted by the Henderson Library. It was successful overall. The Russell Union Ballroom is not the most conducive room for conversation and presentations, but it is the designated location of these events. A couple of the events were cancelled due to the recent hurricane.

   b. Clement shared with us some interactions with a professor of accountancy concerning difficulty printing from his/her office. He printed out the necessary document for the professor and left it at the Circ desk to be picked up.

   c. Clement also shared two recent issues with textbooks on reserve. The topic led to a more lengthy discussion about the library policy regarding textbook purchases. A few important points came from this discussion:

      i. Liaisons should promote to faculty the idea of putting copies of textbooks (personal copies or publishers’ copies) on Course Reserves in a timely fashion—at least 2 days’ notice.

      ii. Educate faculty about the use of e-books if it is apparent that they could use an e-book instead of a print book.

      iii. Debra reiterated that it is the Library’s policy, not CRS’ policy, to avoid purchasing textbooks for the collection. This means actual textbooks, not books that have a lasting value that a faculty member may use as a text for a class.

7) **General Announcements:**

   Bede announced that a group of faculty want to purchase and donate a new display case to the library. However, this case must be used as a place to feature faculty scholarship at Georgia Southern University. Bede asked us, as liaisons, if we would be interested in having a role in this work. We all agreed it would be something we would like to do. Bede asked for volunteers to work as a taskforce to get the plans worked out. Ruth volunteered since she is the Scholarly Communication librarian.

   Bede asked about the distribution of the Liaisons’ Newsletter, The Atrium. We need to revisit this to determine how we’re going to move forward with this as a newsletter that is disseminated to the faculty.

   Ruth announced that she has updated the calendar located in the Liaisons’ Toolkit: [http://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/toolkit](http://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/toolkit)

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm
Recorded by Lisa Smith