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Library Faculty Meeting Essence Notes

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Welcome to new faculty member: Jessica Garner, Inter-Library Loan Librarian.

RACL Survey Question: What if the USG Libraries Were Given a 5 Year Enhancement Fund?
Bede opened the floor for discussion on the scenario presented to USG libraries by the Executive Director of GALILEO. Bede stated that the exercise was initiated as a way of getting the institutions to consider their priorities for RACL and GALILEO and their own institution. (See attachment) Several librarians discussed options that they felt would most benefit Henderson Library. Fred voiced the need for professional promotion of the library. Paolo discussed GALILEO - Collection/Services; the need for faster delivery services for books, articles (next day delivery or immediate article delivery or immediate purchase). Jessica G. agreed, adding the need for resources to give directly to the patrons. Discussion took place on the how faster delivery service might be achieved. Lili voiced a need for funding support for campus information literacy programs. Jeff added the need for better integration of the library’s presence into the IT management system. Debra added the need for funding to completely digitize special collections materials. Bede will forward the responses voiced today to RACL. He stated that the conversation provided today will be helpful in the beginning process of the library’s strategic planning which should start over the summer.

Knight Foundation Grant Possibility:
Following discussion on ideas that could facilitate a library grant, it was decided that those interested in collaborating on such a grant will meet on Monday, March 14, following the tenured faculty meeting.

Interdepartmental Work Team Reports:
- PRO (Public Relations Outreach) Lori reported on some highlights from Fall 2015 and Jan-Feb. of this year.

  Total Number of Facebook Library Page Likes
  Aug. 1st 2015 - 445
  Dec. 31st 2015 - 630
  Feb. 29th 2016 - 732

  Fall Semester 2015 (Aug 1st - Dec. 31st)
  Daily engaged users average - 31
  Daily total reach average - 735

  Jan 1st - Feb 29th 2016
  Daily engaged users avg. - 178
  Daily total reach avg. - 2603

Everything we are doing is helping, but the biggest overall increases to our Facebook numbers happens when the main Georgia Southern Facebook account shares our #Throwback Thursday posts. The last such post (On Black History Month) in Feb. got more than 40,000 total views.

PRO is also testing the use of LibAnswers for advertising, marketing, or informational submissions to Facebook and Instagram for now, with a plan to increase this to all promotional and educational output through PRO once the process is running smoothly.
• **Public Services Work Team:** The group has been discussing the possibility of pulling books for patrons and putting on hold for a certain amount of time. Fred reported that although the idea is still in the talking stages, they do plan to give the idea a trial run.

**Department Reports:**

• **Collection and Resource Services:** Debra distributed an update on book expenditures. (Attached) She added that the first job of the new staff member to replace Linda Hendrix will be to work on putting bound periodicals into the ARC.

• **Access Services:** Fred reported on a high volume of ILL requests and new clientele from the QEP music program.

• **Systems:** David reported that the campus has implemented a new service called vLab. It lets users connect their computer to a virtual session that has the software the students need for their classwork. This means students don't have to purchase and install the software for themselves. As part of our Student Tech Fee requests this year we asked for newer laptops to replace the older ones we check out to students. IT Services wants us to try using "thin client laptops" instead. They would be cheaper than a standard laptop and would not have software installed on them. Instead the students would use them in the Library to connect to vLab to get the software they need. They would print using the LPT:One mobile printing we have on campus now. Information on vLab can be found at [http://its.georgiasouthern.edu/service-guides/vlab](http://its.georgiasouthern.edu/service-guides/vlab). Let Savitri know if you wish to have an account prior to the vLab rollout.

**Faculty Senate Reports:** Jessica M. reported the topics discussed.

**President's Report:**

• SACSCOC reaccreditation fully approved through year 2025 with no recommendations.

• Campus Carry Laws: President Bartels stated everyone is free to express their personal opinion but cannot represent their position as Georgia Southern’s or UGA.

• New buildings on campus: a) Student Health Building is in the design phase. b) Military Science Building has started construction.

• President Search update: campus interviews in process.

• Merit increase: Discussion on the Governor's budget (un-approved at this time) recommendation of a 3% merit increase.

**Senate Executive Committee Report:**

• RFI: Karl Peace questioned why GSU is no longer celebrating books published as in the past.

• RFI: Discussion on the Student Opinions of Instruction, the new form developed, and the new scantron machine.

A short discussion followed regarding the books published celebration. C&RS is working on a prototype for acknowledging faculty accomplishments. At the next faculty meeting they will review it and ask for feedback.

**Promotion and Tenure meeting followed.**

**Next Library Faculty Meeting:** April 4.

**Attachment:** RACL Survey Question
SCENARIO: What if the USG Libraries were given a 5-year enhancement fund ($1.74 million). Each institution receives $60K to upgrade library services, however you are free to spend it however you like. The entire amount must be spent in one area.

Describe in more detail what you would spend this on and what you would want this expenditure to achieve over 5 years. You may only choose one area. EXAMPLE: RACL "Would give my $60K to RACL to have annual leadership retreats/training for library directors, associate directors, department heads - would want to achieve leadership skills for all, understanding of challenges within higher education, understanding of new technologies and leadership techniques, so there would be strong leadership in libraries across the USG."

Local Collection (ex: ebooks or STEM collections (all formats)) Additional Staff (ex: a library assist to do x or exhibit preparer)
- Professional Development for your existing staff (ex: f2f training for all staff on conflict; change management; supervisory training, or technical services, or . . .)
- Digitization/curation/preservation efforts (ex: consultant and initial implementation for digital preservation)

Marketing campaign with social media/apps/etc (ex: hire company to develop and produce)

Information/digital literacy game or innovation
- GALILEO Collection/Services: Content (databases, ebooks, etc.)
- GALILEO Collection/Services: Technology - support for integration with other services - D2L, etc.

GALILEO Collection/Services: Faster delivery services for books, articles (next day delivery or immediate article delivery or immediate purchase)
- GALILEO Collection/Services: Development of common information literacy program
- GALILEO Collection/Services: Development of a central technical services processing center (might be virtual not physical)

Other