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Library Department Head Meeting Essence Notes

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Consent Agenda:

The April/May Discover Database Trial recommendations were approved as submitted.

House Bill 280 – “Campus Carry” Legislation:

There is no exemption for libraries. Various possible scenarios were discussed, the most likely being a licensed gun being inadvertently “unconcealed.” In all likelihood, simply pointing out this fact discreetly to the gun carrier will solve the problem, but if staff are not comfortable doing that for any reason then Campus Police should be notified.

Consolidation Update:

The Library Operational Work Group unanimously approved the recommendations that were shared on Library Day, and the Consolidation Implementation Committee will review the recommendations at their June 7 meeting. Once the CIC approves the recommendations, whether as submitted or with required revisions, we will enter the implementation phase of consolidation, leading up to the new legal Georgia Southern University in January, 2018, and the actual merging of budgets and curriculum in 2018-2019. Bede suggests having the Operational Work Group become the Library Consolidation Steering Committee, and he expects we will need numerous formal task forces and informal planning opportunities to carry out consolidation implementation.

Edmund C. Short and William H. Schubert Curriculum Collections:

Billy Glasco and Jeff Mortimore have created a LibGuide about these books and manuscripts. The LibGuide will reside within the Special Collections group. This is the first step in replacing the current “Search Collections” links on the Special Collections home page with searchable LibGuides that will be more detailed and easier for the public to use.

Alma Update:

We are working our way through several blips and workflow issues. Fulfillment policies and procedures are a particular challenge at the moment, and it was decided to create a small task force to meet and address the challenges systematically. Jeff, Paolo Gujilde, Fred Smith, and David Lowder will serve, and other interested faculty should contact David.

Announcements:

Fred stated that the implementation of Rapid ILL has begun. Patrons will continue to request items using Illiad, but ILL personnel will use the Rapid ILL procedure for ordering materials. Rapid ILL has been shown to be markedly faster in fulfilling requests than traditional interlibrary loan.

The Senior Administrative Assistant position in the Dean’s Office has been posted, with an application deadline of Friday, June 9.

Dontonio Thomas has resigned from Access Services.

Bob Kicklighter passed away this morning, according to a report from a family friend. Additional details will be shared as we get them.