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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!