OWG 26: Library Approved Recommendations

1. Recommends that the library operations and staff be merged as described in the Library and Learning Resources section of the SACSCOC prospectus.

2. Recommends that the libraries consolidate their integrated library systems.

3. Recommends that the new Georgia Southern University allow Armstrong’s librarians to retain their current faculty ranks and be given a one-time irrevocable choice of a tenure-track or non-tenure track position. Decisions will be made in preparation for the 2019 contract year.

4. Recommends that the revised Library and Learning Resources Section of the SACSCOC prospectus be accepted as submitted to the Universities’ SACSCOC prospectus coordinators.

5. Recommends that policies will be reconciled throughout the implementation process, with priority placed on policies affecting students. Policy reconciliation will be completed by July 1, 2018.

6. Recommends that the position descriptions for classified personnel submitted to Human Resources be accepted.

7. Recommends that the librarians send their respective IT departments identical lists of resources and services that require IT and Library cooperation and information sharing. The librarians will ask to be informed by relevant IT OWGs of developments as consolidation progresses.

8. Recommends that there be a Libraries home page that clearly delineates the existence of two facilities (Henderson and Lane), provides the service hours and locations of each library, and at a minimum includes links so patrons may obtain policies, events, and contact information.

9. Recommends that licenses be negotiated to allow access to both libraries’ resources by July 1, 2018.

10. Recommends that the following be the New Georgia Southern University Libraries Mission Statement.

11. Recommends that the following be accepted:
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Aspirational Goals

A. Students, faculty and staff will have ready access to the information resources and library services they need regardless of point of access.

B. Library personnel will support the teaching, learning, and scholarship of students, faculty and staff through library outreach activities providing responsive and user-centered services.

C. Students will acquire information literacy proficiency and knowledge in support of academic success and lifelong learning.

D. The libraries will provide space and infrastructure conducive to group and individual study, and to the use of physical and digital information resources.

E. Patrons will receive timely, accurate, courteous, and impartial service from all library personnel.

F. The collections, resources, and services of the Georgia Southern University Libraries exist primarily to serve current Georgia Southern faculty, students, and staff. Other individuals are welcome to visit the Libraries and will be eligible for clearly defined levels of service and access.