I. **State of Department/Program** (e.g., new faculty, leaving faculty, changes in undergraduate/graduate programs, etc.

*The campus fiscal crisis and the College’s closure of ICIS (Institute of Critical International Studies) have had a direct effect on the viability of area studies.*

**African Studies:** retirements of two faculty are on hold; loss of temporary faculty have an impact on the area. With the closure of ICIS, the program is now part of the ILA. The program is still courting Manthia Diawara (former head of African Studies at NYU)

**East Asian Studies:** program has moved to REALC, program is intact, no faculty leaves and no hiring.

**Latin American Studies:** the History Department is hiring a new historian for the colonial period; this is to replace Susan Socolow who is retiring (Mexico is the emphasis for two of the candidates; Central America for the third; and Argentina for the fourth). The LACS program has been hosting Guillermo de la Pena as a visiting faculty member. He taught 2 courses in spring semester on Latin American Indians/Ethnicity. LACS program coordinator was dismissed when ICIS was dissolved. LACS undergraduate major has been turned over to the Spanish & Portuguese Dept. Not certain of the impact.

**Middle Eastern Studies:** program has been assigned to MESAS. Developing a proposal for a graduate program in the History of Islamic Civilizations; expect to hire a Sufism specialist next fall.

**REES:** program is now a part of REALC, its former administrative home.

**South Asian Studies:** program has been assigned to MESAS. The SAS budget has been cut by more than 50%; the director resigned; morale is low.

**Spanish Dept.:** No changes in staffing or changes to the program. Fiscal crisis will lead to a sharp reduction in the number of fellowships for new graduate students for History and Spanish.

II. **Trends in the Field** (New areas of focus, changes in scholarly concentrations, etc.)

*Digitization and electronic publishing:* increased interest with faculty in Middle Eastern studies and East Asians studies.

*Ebooks:* need more and better information about ebook usage, or the willingness to use them. Could the annual library survey change its format to ask specifically about use of eBooks and not "electronic collections" in general?

*New or changes areas of emphasis:* MESAS plans to increase its focus on Women Studies, in print and film; Diawara appointment for African Studies would invigorate African literature and film studies; East Asia: new subject area is emerging “transnational” studies (one example: study of popular culture between Japan, Korea, and China)
III. **State of the Collection** (e.g., New purchases, budget issues, collection analysis, major changes to collection management plan, etc.)

African Studies: continue to strengthen the film collection of nearly 900 titles; the library will be the recipient of two large gifts of collections from Emory faculty (Ivan Karp and Corinne Kratz)

Latin American Studies / Spanish: four book buying trips: invited by Spanish Publishing Association to attend the LIBER Book Fair in Barcelona in October; invited Librarian by ALA Free Pass Program to attend Feria Internacional del Libro in Guadalajara Mexico November; December Chile; and February Colombia. Phil is in the process of setting up new Latin American approval plans for the following nations with the following vendors

- Spain: Iberoamerican
- Argentina: Nicolas Rossi
- Chile: Herta Berenguer
- Mexico: Books From Mexico
- Peru: Iturriaga & Cia
- Uruguay: Luis Retta

Collection Analysis project with Agnes Czeblakow using the Worldcat Collection Analysis Tool to identify gaps in Emory Holdings in F1200 – F3900 call number range.

**REES:** New approval plan with MIPP. Switched all Russian newspapers along with the national bibliography to e-only.

**Jewish Studies:** replacement of CD-rom collection of reference works with materials newly published in web form.

**South Asia:** acquisition of the “Martin Scorsese Tibetan Library”

IV. **Products / Services and Communication**

- **205 consultations** with faculty and students by our team during the fall term.
- **23 instruction classes** taught by Area Studies Team members during the fall term

V. **Challenges / Issues**

**Fiscal Crisis:** History and Spanish will accept few graduate students; for example, African History will one incoming graduate student.

**Dissolution of ICIS:** African Studies, East Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies and South Asian Studies have lost their program Coordinator.

**Dollar devaluation:** Chinese publications: average cost of materials was $6 in early 2008; now $8.

**Use of technology in teaching and research and library support:** To find out who is using technology in their teaching and research and to leverage that knowledge in our providing better and more targeted services.

**Metrics:** what measures do we have in place for determining the value of subject librarians to faculty and student accomplishments?

**Technological infrastructure:** future of Emory Tibet Digital Library faces uncertainty as Systems Division develops new procedures for digital program.