2017 State of the Library

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Agenda

- Jennifer Nutefall, University Librarian
  - Budget
  - ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award
  - Strategic Plan 2017-2020

- Elizabeth McKeigue, Associate University Librarian for Learning and Engagement
  - Learning and study spaces
  - Instruction and student engagement
  - Digital humanities

- Rice Majors, Associate University Librarian for Resources and Digital Services
  - Collections & Access budget & assessment
  - Archives & Special Collections donations
  - Scholarly Communication
University Library Budget

- **Staff salaries/benefits = $3,832,000**
  - 18 Librarians (includes two .5 fixed term positions)
  - 16 Staff

- **Collections & Access = $4,309,800**
  - Initial FY17 budget: $4,559,800
    - 8% increase from FY16
    - Mid-year budget reduction of $250,000

- **Operating = $596,000**
  - Student wages
  - Supplies
  - Travel
  - Special events/awards/gifts
  - Repairs/maintenance
  - Instruction, lab, research support
  - Postage/mailing
ACRL Excellence in Academic Library Award

- 2017 winner in the university library category
- Application themes of reflection, engagement, and transformation
- Award ceremony:
  - Monday March 13
  - 3:30-5pm
  - Arcade outside Learning Commons
  - Invitation forthcoming
Library Strategic Plan 2017-2020
Priority 1: Inspire a culture of engagement

- The Library continuously initiates outreach and conversations to create collaborative and sustainable partnerships. We anticipate the needs of our communities and exceed their expectations to create a circle of engagement and dialogue.
Priority 2: Redefine and transform collections

- The Library tailors collections to meet the changing academic environment of greater collaboration, rapid rate of information generation, and the migration to online scholarship. New methods of providing access to collections will expand and enhance research opportunities and highlight SCU’s intellectual content and unique materials, both print and online.
Priority 3: Empower an innovative and responsive staff

- The Library strengthens its commitment to lifelong learning by sustaining a workforce that values high standards, creativity, and flexibility. With a highly skilled and collaborative library staff, the Library prepares our communities to excel in their academic pursuits and beyond.
Priority 4: Cultivate dynamic teaching and learning

- The Library strengthens its teaching role and educational impact through its academic partnerships. Librarians and library staff will advance teaching, learning, and research in both physical and virtual environments.
Priority 5: Cultivate a climate of assessment

- Library staff integrates assessment into all activities in order to continually improve resources, collections, and services. An ongoing and comprehensive assessment program drives decisions based on facts, research, and analysis.
Elizabeth McKeigue
Associate University Librarian
of Learning & Engagement
Learning & Engagement

- Improving Learning and Study Spaces
- Fostering Instruction and Student Engagement
- Partnering with Campus Initiatives
Improving Study Spaces

- Library use up 3%
- Seat replacement for all 228 wooden chairs
- Work completed in one day
Improving Classroom Space

- Maximize functionality as both computer lab and classroom.
- Facilitate active learning and teaching with print and special collections.
Renovated Rm. 203
Rm. 203 Improvements

- Tables with recessed monitors
- Eliminated rows in favor of seating groups
Rm. 203 Improvements

- Provided additional seating for laptop users
- More space for non-computer based activities
How has the new room changed your teaching?

“It’s easier to have them do small group activities.”

“…easier to engage students in active learning activities.”

“…easier to circulate among the groups of students.”
How has the new room changed your teaching?

“...the students seem to want to sit together, rather than spreading out.”

“I feel more connected with students. I can see them better.”

“My favorite place to teach for sure.”
Student Engagement
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- 370 scheduled research consultations
- Over 100% increase from last year
- Over 2,000 reference questions
Student Engagement

- Personal Librarian Program: One-on-one research help
- Transfer students and LEAD scholars
- Added 75 International Students
Student Engagement

“Not only do the librarians help students in research, but the conversations...aid our brainstorming as well.”

“Without the library staff, I would not be where I am...in my university education.”

- Ye Chit Ko, ‘19
Letter to ACRL in support of SCU UL award application
Library Instruction in the Age of Fake News
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- In classes: Less finding; more evaluating
- Librarians are piloting several new lesson plans
Answers to this poll are anonymous

Some of you thought that the Zika article was not objective, but that it was more authoritative than not.

The majority of you thought that the Zika article was neither objective nor authoritative.

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Steady Increase in Library Instruction

- Number of classes up 8%
- Total attendance up 3%
- Increase in library instruction in online-only courses
Campus Partnerships
Student Writing & Research

- SWiRL: Student Writing & Research Learning Initiative
- Provides resources for writing and information literacy instruction
- Team is multi-disciplinary
Student Writing & Research

- Study on students’ skill levels
- Develop a series of writing and research workshops
- Provide a faculty learning community

Photo Credit: Launching SWiRL Infographic
Digital Humanities Initiatives

- Digital Humanities Working Group
- Faculty and librarians from multiple disciplines
- Digital Humanities Survey

80 Faculty took the survey

I use DH tools in teaching & research: 16%
I want to learn more about DH: 92%
Digital Humanities Events

- Fall: Report from HASTAC
- Winter: Steven Jones
- Spring: Anne Cong-Huyen
Rice Majors
Associate University Librarian for Resources & Digital Services
- General collection
  - Scope and budget update
  - Assessment activities

- Archives & Special Collections
  - Scholar Commons growth
  - New acquisitions and digital collections
  - Collaborations in the digital humanities
Scope of library collections

- Books: 893,599 print & 102,592 ebooks
- Journal subscriptions: 434 print & 743 online
- Databases: 257
- Rare books: 15,950 volumes
- Archival material: 3,200 linear feet

Statistics are for the University Library, June 30, 2016 except for journal statistics which are for January 2017.
Journals & databases $3,601,980

Books $463,720

Streaming video $45,000

Memberships & misc $41,400

Interlibrary loan & cataloging $115,000

Preservation & binding $67,700

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Assessment of collections

- Using ILL borrowing data to identify “active” call number ranges where we should buy more books
  - 2014-2015: 1,194 ~$40,000
  - 2015-2016: 1,052 ~$40,000
  - 2016-2017: 116 so far

- Conducting a comprehensive three-year ROI study on our databases and electronic journals
  - Year 1: $120,000 reinvested
    - Includes increased support for public health, ArtStor
  - Year 2: $14,000 reinvested
  - Year 3: this year all savings went toward budget balancing
Budget reduction balancing

- $165,000  Journals & databases
  - Eight databases, one microfilm subscription, 40 electronic journals
- $70,000  Book purchases
  - Roughly 2,100 books
- $10,000  Streaming video
- $5,000  Support of Open Access
Scholarly Communication

- As a part of our social justice mission, Scholar Commons lets us provide the scholarly output of the campus to the world
  - Faculty profiles are populated with preprints, postprints, and Open Access articles
  - SCU added 1,414 works in 2016
  - SCU had 71,055 downloads of 2,437 works in 2016
- Monthly email with faculty download statistics
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Archives & Special Collections

- Special Collections acquisitions include:
  - The Kelmscott Complete Works of Chaucer (1896)
  - *Positio* for Archbishop Romero (beatification documentation)
  - An autographed portfolio of Salvador Dali’s illustrations for *Alice in Wonderland* (1969)

- Archival acquisitions include:
  - Personal papers of Fr. Jim Reites
  - *In progress*: Personal papers of Jane Curry
  - *In progress*: Personal papers of Victor Vari
The olyve of pees, and eek the drunken vyne,
The victor palm, the laurer to devyne.

A garden saw I, ful of blossmy bowes,
Upon a river, in a grene mede,
Ther as that sweetnesse evermore ynow is,
With floures whyte, blewe, yelowe, and rede;
And colde welle, stremes, nothing dede,
That swommen ful of smale fisses lighte,
With finnes rede and scales silver, brighte.

On every bough the briddes herde I singe,
With voys of angell in brighte.
Collaborations in the digital humanities
Librarians as Scholars

- Criteria for reappointment, promotion, continuing status
- Recent presentation/publications
  - Personal Librarian Program
  - Assessing ebook use
  - Marketing collections
  - Special Collections changing environment
  - Service learning and information literacy
  - Electronic reserves
Scholarly Activities
Family Giving Tree Service
Questions & Discussion

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