Senate Libraries and Digital Resources Committee

Presentation to the Senate Plenary

September 15, 2017
Updates Since our Last Report

• Budget

• Committees Working with the Libraries

• New Leadership Positions

• Strategic Directions and Initiatives for the Libraries

• Focus of the Committee for the Coming Year
Libraries Budget

• Increased again this fiscal year

• Libraries staff identified efficiencies within operations

• New needs funding to begin to move forward on strategic initiatives as recommended by close work with faculty and students

• Funding opportunities in the campaign
Committees Working with the Libraries

• Senate Libraries Committee
  – Members of Senate committees indicate interest in participating
  – Discussions of ongoing work of Libraries and issues impacting user experience

• Student Libraries Advisory Committee
  – Undergraduate and graduate students from across the University
  – Serves as forum for addressing student needs directly with Libraries’ administration

• Provost’s Advisory Committee on the Libraries
  – Cross-disciplinary group with term limits, appointed by the Provost
  – Charged with addressing issues of strategic importance to the Libraries in its support of the University’s mission
New Leadership Positions

• Reorganization in 2016

• Successful recruitments for two new Associate University Librarians
  – Barbara Rockenbach, AUL for Research and Learning
  – Chris Cronin, AUL for Collections

• Barbara and Chris join Rob Cartolano, Kris Kavanaugh, and Ann Thornton on the Libraries’ executive team

• New full-time development officer, Kim McCann
Strategic Directions and Initiatives
http://strategicdirections.library.columbia.edu

• Commit to Inclusion – become more diverse; embed support and welcome

• Advance Knowledge – “unhide” collections; preserve time-based media

• Catalyze Discovery – support research and learning around digital methods, technologies, and platforms

• Inspire Inquiry – support students to explore broadly and participate meaningfully in a global, diverse society

• Shape Discourse – transform collection development within an inter-institutional community of practice

• Empower Staff – facilitate culture change, increase collaboration, and enable experimentation
Topics for this Year Include

• Enhancing Discovery and Delivery
  – ReCAP Shared Collections: 5 million more items in CLIO, with enhanced delivery and fulfillment
  – CLIO GeoData – over 11,000 geo-spatial data sets and growing
  – Improvements to discovery of archives, oral histories, and born-digital collections
  – Digitized collections – over 230,000 unique digital images and documents and growing

• Support for Experimenting with New Technologies
  – Tech you can take home, including Raspberry Pi and Arduino
  – Access to an Oculus Rift and specialty software
We’d Like to Hear from You

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