

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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