Just in Time! Digital Commons@Georgia Southern Offers a Suite of Services for the Entire Campus

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Background

• Eagle Scholar was Announced in Fall of 2009 GSU’s First IR
  o DBase platform
  o Part of a 3 year grant with Georgia Tech
  o Combined local institutional repositories to become GALILEO Knowledge Repository
  o Grant was for 3 years and extended to 4
Benefits of Grant

- Benefits provided to participating institutions including training, digitization, hosting sites, harvesting content for Consortium IR
- GSU hosted own site

**After the Grant**
- Not sustainable
- Plan is for state to manage
- Each institution find hosting solution
- On the institution level GSU never really had much faculty support
Was EagleScholar a Success?

• How Successful?
  o Institution level content harvested and archived
  o ETDs added
  o Faculty interest almost nonexistent
  o Successful in that we collected content that needed to be archived
  o Collected few faculty publications or research
Little Faculty Interest in EagleScholar

- Site was attractive
- Single focus was to archive content
- Faculty asked repeatedly and I mentioned to Library Dean repeatedly:

“I want to put my entire CV into the Repository.”
What Faculty Want

• Place to create personal, professional website with links to download articles or links to access articles
• Everything included whether full text is open access or not
• Other things such as grants, honors and awards
• And … other services never before mentioned based on the response
Turning Point

- Attended “Cooperative Curation Symposium and Workshop” at Georgia Tech in August 2012
- Creating a Service with No Market?
- Value of Repository
GSU IR Upgrade

• **Needed Combination of Services**
  - Archiving Institutional, Research, Creative Output
  - Publishing
  - Faculty Showcase
  - Disseminating University Research

• **Technology Support**
  - Lacking with Previous Platform
  - Something in the Cloud?
  - Something with Technical Support Built In?
Digital Commons

- Subscribed to Digital Commons February 2013
- Began with training
- Moving resources from Eagle Scholar
- New staff member to start in June 2013
- Planned to make corrections & get set to started with faculty in fall of 2013
Jump Right In

First Request: Set up a Conference and a Journal!

Tight Submission Deadlines
Conferences

- CSSC: Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative Conference
- International Conference on Information Literacy
- Rural HIV Research and Training Conference
- Cross-Cultural Counseling and Education Conference for Research, Action, and Change
Journals

The Journal of Student Success in Writing

National Youth-At-Risk Journal
Faculty Projects

- World’s Largest Tick Collection
- New England Prints
- Faculty Publications Celebration
- Honors Theses (Undergraduates)
- EDS Research Papers (6th year education)
- Videos of Undergraduate Research Projects
Campus Partnerships

- Campus Administration
  - University Policies
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
  - Faculty Expertise Search Based on SelectedWorks
  - Research Symposium
- Division of Continuing Education
  - Conferences – Use IR for Proposal, Double Blind Review, Selection, Notification, Content Hosting
Why the Success?

• **University Wide Changes**
  - Greater Emphasis on Research Especially Student Research
  - Faculty Actively Seeking Ways to Promote Student Research
  - Complete Overhaul of University Website
  - Projects from Various Campus Areas that fit Role of the IR

• **Faculty Centered Marketing Approach**
  - Suite of Services for the Faculty
Marketing the New IR

- Active Role of Library Dean
- Visits to Colleges and Departments
- Billed as “Services for Faculty”
  - New Faculty Orientation
  - Liaison Work with Faculty
- Additional Staffing for IR
- Transition to Digital Collections Committee
- Training for Digital Collections Committee
- Users – Word of Mouth
- **Brochure, ETD, SelectedWorks**, & Individualized Instructions
- Library News Box – Highlighting Faculty in SelectedWorks