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About Us



Digital Commons@ IWU

Digital Commons @ Illinois Wesleyan University (DC@IWU) reflects the nature of the intellectual, creative and scholarly culture of our campus. DC@IWU serves as the central location for outstanding student work, faculty scholarship, University records, and campus history. Our goals are to:

- Promote and disseminate academic and creative achievements of students and faculty
- Ensure preservation of and persistent access to said work
- Increase discovery of IWU scholarship and artistic expressions
- Foster scholarly collaborations with colleagues
- Document and record IWU's history and progress



Brief History of DC@IWU

- Ames Library Strategic Plan – 2004
- IWU Strategic Plan – 2006
- Records Management Plan - 2006
- IWU Campus Identity Study – 2007
- DC@IWU – December 2007



Mission Coexistence

- President, Provost
- University Communications
- Office of Information Technology
- Liberal Arts Environment + Professional Schools
- Strong focus on faculty/student collaboration, academics
- Pre-existing opportunities for DC
- Faculty enthusiasm high and support strong

Mission Collision



- University Communications
- Office of Information Technology
- Departments with student journals

Staffing, Resources, Process



- Digital Commons Team
- Library Liaisons
- Student Journal editors
- Faculty
- Student workers
- Student work process
- Faculty work process



Measures of Success

- Numbers
- Anecdotes
 - Classroom and research examples
- The Usual Suspects:
 - Students
 - Faculty
 - Librarians
- The Unusual Suspects



The Road Ahead

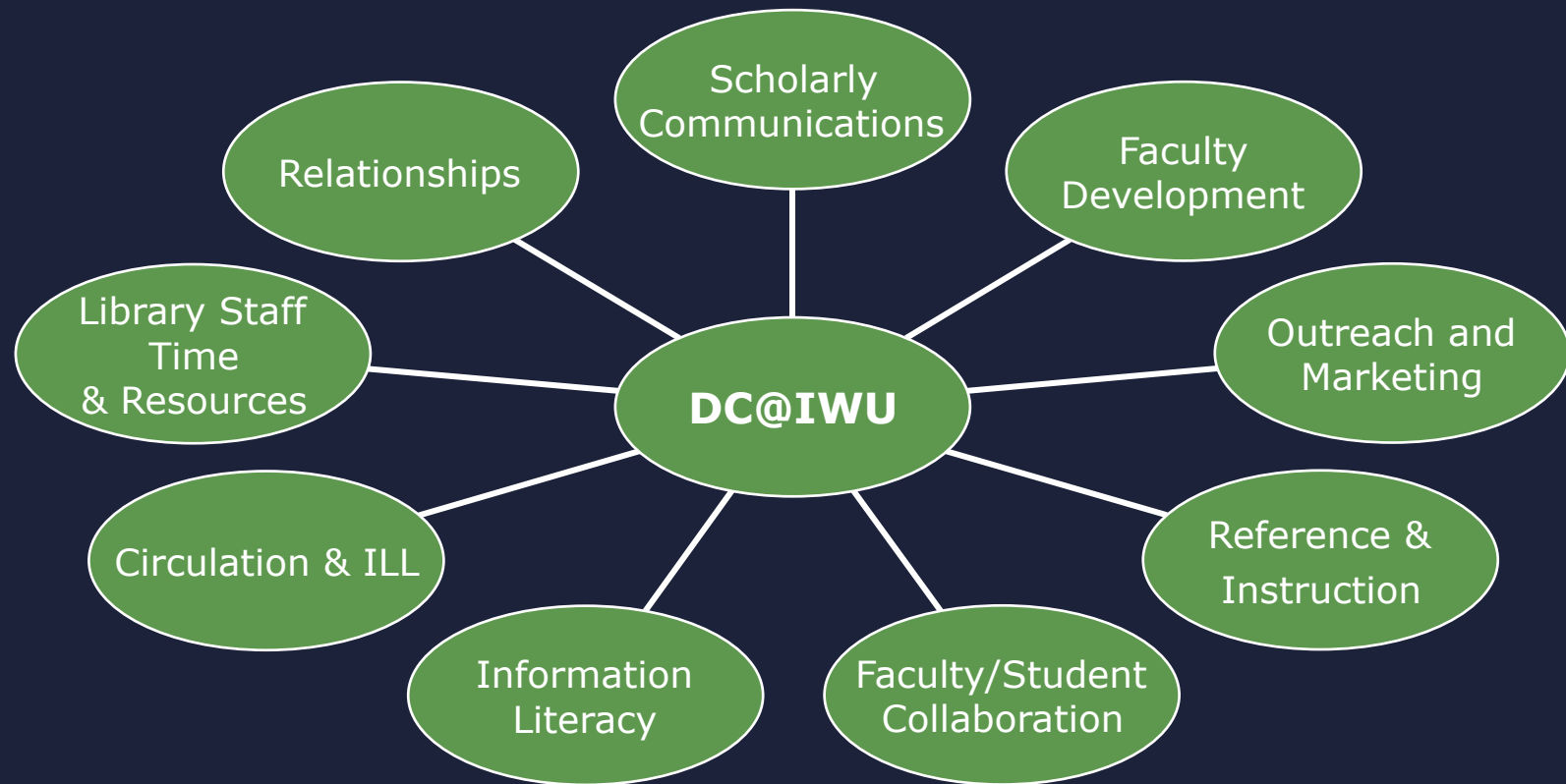
- Creative arts journal
- Meeting with University Counsel to discuss copyright education
- Undergraduate Research Conference in April
- Honors Theses
- New banner
- Open Access for faculty work funded by campus
- Integrating DC@IWU functionality into student editorial process
- New journals?



Advice

- Slow and steady
- Diversity of viewpoints key
- Consider campus culture
- Tailor the message
- “You want what?!” to “Why not?”
- Goals
- Communicate your successes
- Be vocal

Everything is Connected



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Questions?

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