Vision into Practice at Cal Poly

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Duderstadt Center

- Opened 1996
- 250,000 sq. ft.
- 24/7 operation
- 600,000 vols.
- 2,000 journals
Duderstadt Center

- 400+ computers
- 3D & Virtual Reality Labs
- Audio, Video & Electronic Music Studios
- Teleconferencing Suites
- Computer Classrooms

One of 24 UM Libraries!
• U-M one of the leading digital libraries
  - Digitize ~5,000 volumes annually
• Michigan Digitization Project
  - Partnership with Google
  - 7M vols. digitized in 6 years
• Revolutionary change, transformative for academic libraries & the academy
Big Research Libraries

• Opportunities:
  – Build on strength of their collections
  – Build on strength of their staff
  • Experiment with new technologies and develop new digital services
  – Tackle major changes in technical services
  – Re-conceptualize facilities in a grand way
Cal Poly
Robert E. Kennedy Library

- Opened 1981
- 203,000 sq. ft.
- 7/midnight operation
- 764,000 vols.
- 7,300 serials
  - (paper & electronic)
Then & Now

• 1984
  – 71 total staff
  – 26 librarians
  – $3.9M base

• 2006
  – 49 total staff
  – 13 librarians
  – $5.4M base

• Base budget down $1M, last 4 years
• Supplemental budget up $500k
Cal Poly Challenges

• Recast the image of the library
• Transition librarian skills for the 21st century
• Re-conceptualize the use of space
• Leverage the power of technology
• Get money from somewhere!
Changing the Library’s Image

• Needs to be…
  – Perceived as providing value to the institution and the academic process
  – Seen as providing services, collections, and facilities that faculty and students feel they need
  – Putting the user at the center of our thinking
How

• Formation of Provostial Task Group on the Future of the Library

• Formation of Dean’s Student Advisory Committee

• Working closely with other deans & department chairs

• Foster engagement at all levels

• Continuous assessment
New

• Kennedy Library has a new dean: Michael D. Miller Selected to Lead. Begins August 14
• Try out new databases: New Resources Available for Trial
• PolyCAT searches are now even easier: Add the PolyCAT engine to your Firefox search bar
• Access to databases from off-campus has changed: Library now uses portal authentication
Librarian’s Role

• Grow the College Librarian model
  – A consistent face(s) for each college
• Move beyond building bound behavior
  – Every librarian a field librarian
• Hire those who value innovation and experimentation
  – Expand pools beyond the MLS
Curatorial Model

• Adding value to resources
• Projecting library resources & brand into student info sphere
• Library 2.0 projects
• Library presence in LMS
  – Shut down library eReserves in favor of Bbd access
  – Other library services too
Evolving Collections

• Weeding book collection
• Digital only serials
• Digital only GovDocs
• Right sizing Learning Resources Collection
• Enhanced support for Special Collections
• Online media access - images, music, spoken word
• Converting VHS to DVD
• Adding foreign TV broadcasts
• Launched Institutional Repository!
Student Engagement

- Exhibits
- Events
- Receptions
- Gaming
- Concerts
Changing Facility

Short term:
• 24 Hour Study Room
• Group Project Spaces
• Media Viewing
• Coffee Shop
• Pervasive access to technology
• Rethinking staff space
Changing Facility

- Building Partners
  - Academic Skills Ctr.
  - Ctr. for Teaching & Learning
  - Honors Program
  - ITS
  - Research Scholars
  - others

- Master Building Plan
  - Transition projects

- Building Expansion
  - Planning 2007
  - Construction 2010
Technology

- Pervasive access to technology
  - (not just labs)
- Consistent environment with what students find elsewhere on campus
- Access to special peripherals, format conversion
- Collaboration with ITS
Fundraising

• Added first full-time Advancement Director position
• Located in central advancement office
• Dean will devote ~ 50% to $$$
• Need librarians to look for grants
  – Grants = projects
Vision for CSU

• CSU Collaboration - *the power of numbers*
  – COLD strategic planning essential
  – The work of EAR/SEIR is critical
    • Central licensing = more buying power
    • Portico = less pressure on stack space
  – CSU Dspace server, IR for all
  – Shared remote storage for last copies?

• Why not state collaboration?