Strategic Planning Task Forces, 2016

Content Task Force

Charge

This team will look at our unique role as a content provider in support of both student success and research. This team will be responsible for looking at special collections, physical collections, electronic content, GSU-curated digital collections, and preservation. Items for this team to consider include the role of special collections moving forward, best practices in the management of print legacy collections, options for managing the collection across all campuses, preservation of the University's scholarly record, and the role of the library as an advocate for sustainable scholarly publishing models.

Product

A report that identifies and prioritizes opportunities to create a Library that meets the resource needs of our academic community and places us in a leadership role in the national conversation about the future research library.

Research Life Cycle Task Force

Charge

This team will use the "research life cycle" model for thinking about the entire research process and identifying opportunities for University Library contributions to the research mission of GSU. Primary direction will come from University Strategic Plan Goal 3, "Become a leading public research university addressing the most challenging issues of the 21st century." Goal 2, "Significantly strengthen and grow the base of distinctive graduate and professional programs to assure the development of the next generation of researchers and societal leaders;" Goal 4, "Be a leader in understanding the complex challenges of cities and developing effective solutions;" and Goal 5, "Achieve distinction in globalizing the university" may be relevant as well.

Products

1) A graphic that identifies research support currently available on campus and areas of need or opportunity and 2) a report that recommends strategic initiatives, for inclusion in the Library's strategic plan, that fill gaps in the research life cycle.

Student Success Task Force

Charge

Building on the work the Library Instruction Outcomes and Assessment Working Group is currently doing, this team will take a holistic look at current practices and opportunities for improving our impact on student success. This could include our approach to instruction, how we provide front-line services, customer service, website usability, and more. This task force will be primarily motivated by the University Strategic Plan Goal 1, "Become a national model for undergraduate education by demonstrating that students from all backgrounds can achieve academic and career success at high rates." Goal 2, "Significantly strengthen and grow the base of distinctive graduate and professional programs to assure the development of the next generation of researchers and societal leaders," will also influence their work. This task force will also consider opportunities for strengthening the pipeline into higher education through interaction with feeder high schools.

Product

A report that conducts a SWOT analysis and recommends strategic initiatives, for inclusion in the Library's strategic plan, that are expected to demonstrably contribute to student success.