Paper Session #2a: Professionalism and Educational Research & Involvement
The Importance of Librarians Showing Up and Showing Out

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Purpose

▶ **To convey the process of library and degree program cooperation, between the M. Delmar Edwards, MD Library and the affected programs, used to assist in assuring a prodigious beginning for new academic programs –**

  ▶**Executive Master of Public Health Degree;**

  ▶**Physician Assistant Master's Degree; and**

  ▶**Master of Science in Biotechnology**

Background

- MSM had recently made significant changes in class sizes for the MD, MPH, and other programs but had not included the library or some others in the process;

- Changes impacted requirements for space, faculty, resources for labs, library, etc.

- After the fact, input was given at faculty meetings, leadership team meetings, and budget hearings;

- New programs had been planned, nearly as before, but before implementation input was requested of others, including the library.

Challenge: Plan for appropriate resources for three programs within 6 months

▶ **Online Master in Biotechnology**

▶ **Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies**

▶ **Online Executive Master of Public Health**

Areas of Investigation

- List and describe discipline-specific learning resources to support a new program
- Document discipline-specific refereed journals and primary source materials
- Identify agreements with other libraries
- How to access discipline-specific learning resources
- How to access information electronically
- Instruction in the use of online and on-site library resources

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Division of Labor (Senior Library Staff Members)

- Douglas-Williams : Physician Assistant Studies

- Welmaker: Executive Master of Public Health

- Swanson: Master of Biotechnology

Digital book and journal databases:	
Access Medicine* (additional charge for PA Students) 3	
CaseFiles – Access Medicine (additional charge for PA Students)	2
Clinical Key*	3
Annual Reviews	3
EMBASE (via OVID)	2
Exam Master	2
GALILEO*	3
JAMA Evidence	1
LWW Health Library (Clerkship/Clinical Rotations)	2
NCBI Bookshelf	2
OVID* including HAPI – Health & Psychosocial Instruments	3
PubMed	3
R2 Library eBooks	3
ScienceDirect	3
Scopus	3
Springer Nature	3
Stat!Ref*	3
UpToDate	1
Visual DX	1
Wiley Online Library	1
Recommended/ Acquired: PA Exam Prep	1
*Includes monograph resources	

Time Frame

▶ January, 2019 – Master of Biotechnology

▶ June, 2019 - Master Science in Physician Assistant

▶ August, 2019 – Executive Master of Public Health

Findings

- ► **Librarians are able to mobilize quickly and effectively to identify and meet programmatic needs when also provided requisite funding;**

- ► **Knowledge and experience, especially related to VPN, have strengthened relationship between library and IT;**

- ► **Proactive communications proved beneficial in gaining a seat at the table (To Show Up);**

- ► **Successful results (Show Out) with new faculty and programs created greater dependence on librarian expertise.**

Results

- Made adjustment to Student's handbook to include library privileges for online students.

- Once enrolled, online students were registered in the integrated library system.

- Reviewed the prospectus for online learning of SACSCOC to ensure the library met their requirements.

- Results have led to key faculty/administrators including the library in major grant funding development efforts not always revolving around existing library related services, but into development of new services.