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Presentation Outline

- Defining Promotion & Tenure Outreach (PTO)
- Current Trends in Promotion & Tenure (P&T)
- P&T in the literature
- PTO Activities
- Multi-disciplinary P&T Tools
- Benefits/Challenges
- Study
- Next Steps

©Promotion & Tenure Outreach (PTO)

The act of librarians partnering with tenuretrack teaching faculty* to strengthen evidence of scholarly impact for tenure and/or promotion review.

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*Other groups who could also benefit: doctoral students, librarians

Current Trends Impacting Promotion & Tenure



Representation in the LIS literature

"Librarians may be well positioned for new roles in consulting with clients about methods of increasing research impact of research articles"

-Mullen (2008)

"Faculty specifically benefit from citation searches that enhance tenure/promotion dossiers"

-Germain, Bergman (2006)

"When evaluated for promotion or tenure, faculty members are increasingly judged more on the quality than on the quantity of their scholarly publications. As a result, they want help from librarians in locating all citations to their published works for documentation to their curriculum vitae"

-Reed (1995)

Examples of PTO activity...

Workshops

-library -department -college/school -faculty organization, i.e. Center for Instructional Innovation

Individual consultations

Faculty meetings

Online guide -LibGuide

PTO Activity at GSU thus far...

- Departmental workshops
- Faculty workshops
 - -Center for Instructional Innovation
 - -Library: blog post

assessment component

- LibGuide on library website
- Individual assistance
- Training for librarians: <u>LibGuide</u>

Promotion & Tenure Tools

Bibliometrics:established

- Citation Analysis
 - Publish or Perish
 - Web of Science
- Journal Evaluation

 Journal Citation Reports

Altmetrics: emerging

Social Media

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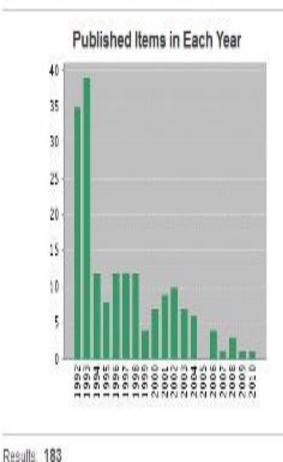
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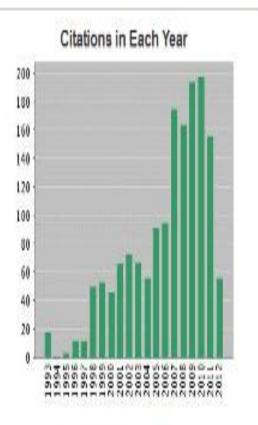
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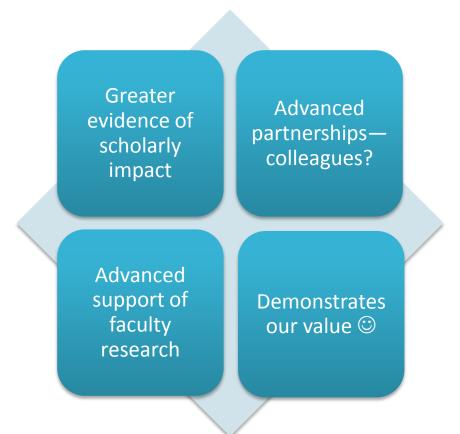
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Benefits



Potential Challenges

• Buy-in

• Time

Workload

• Training

Research Question:

How pervasive is promotion and tenure outreach in academic libraries?

Methodology

Exploratory study

- Identified 7 US academic libraries
- Letter, 25-item questionnaire sent
- 4 of the 7 (57%) participated. Questionnaire administered via phone interview

Participant Parallels

- Doctoral universities
- Subject librarian/liaison model
- Participants are main facilitator of workshop/guide
- Participants & staff conduct individual consultations
- No formal assessment

Study Results

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Background	#1	#2	#3	#4
Classification of institution	Doctoral	Doctoral	Doctoral	Doctoral
Subject librarians/liaison model	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outreach activities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 examples of activities	New fac/lit review/instruction	Office hrs/BB presence/fac mtg reg every 2 yrs	Instruction/faculty requests for materials/ <u>fac mtgs</u>	Feedbackjrl cuts/dept events/inform communication
Development/Practice of P&T Outreach				
Guide and/or workshop	Both	Workshop /Guide on faculty research	Workshop (also contains author rts/copyrt/open access info); Libguide for faculty	Guide
Idea to Implementation process	Guide created in wks-workshop	2006-staff mtg on possible	Open access	3-6 months-need
	based on guide-part of 3 hr faculty	projects-list of faculty outreach	workshop series for	for citation
	workshop	goals-faculty development in	grad students-grew	searching beyond
		admin helped promote-co	out of <u>sch</u> comm.	ISI-committee
		sponsors and presenters	Committee, involved	create index of
		(academictech staff/ofc of	in promoting JCR,	databases,
		tching/Irning)-paid for lunch to	WoS-main website	reading material
		entice wkshop participants	has info on impact	for P&T generally
			factors	and for tenure
				review searches
Who conducts workshop/maintains guide	Film Studies librarian	Study participant/above staff	Study participant	Study participant
Workshops: training? process	Self-taught-on Senate and married	No but do meet a couple of	Self-taught w/	
	to tenure-track <u>fac</u>	times before workshop date	reading and training	
Guide: training?	и	Specific databases/services		Libguides training
Individual assistance for faculty	Yes-Cit analysis service based on	yes	Grad <u>st.</u> attend	Yes-steer towards
	Dialog training yrs ago, ISI vendor		mostly but some fac;	personal
	demos		email attendees to	assistance w/
			followup; ref	searching

Job descriptions	Vaguely-"collaborate with faculty to improve awareness"	no	no	Yes, on study participant's although other librarians on other campus library do the service
Outreach promoted else where	Info for Faculty-Research assistance guide & cit workshop	No but plan to promote on new faculty research guide	Savvy researcher workshop series: flyers, emails	PAWS page
How service promoted to faculty	Not promoted much-workshops offered on demand-campus online newsletter, emails to fac/brochure, HR training booklet	Fac mtgs, Ctr for Tching/Learning, new fac orientation program	Unevenly-hard to promote consistently, plus room has only 14 seats	Informal, word of mouth-PAWS marketed to general users
Funding costs	No	No, but CTL provides lunch, use vendor handouts	No but\$ available if needed	no
Guide: used in individual appts/pres, etc.	In Cit Analy service-small % of fac aware of guide			Yes and @ ref desk
Workshops: how often offered	On demand 1 yr-not regularly scheduled-2-3 times/semester	Have been offered every other year in November—will do one this year	Twice a semester- varying dates/times	
Recommendations	Pkg of services on 1 website; ID faculty going up for tenure and invite to workshop/guide	Establish relationships w/ academic offices on campus; determine best day of year to offer	Promotion to disciplines-educate with varying measures	Set guidelines- policy
# faculty per year attending workshops	1 yr: 8-10	20 in 2007; 8 in 2008	4-5 10% faculty (most are grad students)	
# faculty per year using guide	10 faculty or so			Libguide landing page-1198 hits (could be librarians accessing + fac); 2234 on each page

# faculty per year individual assistance	10-15 fac per semester	No # but many		
Formal assessment	No-eval for 3 hr workshop but does not address P&T piece	no	no	no
Informal assessment	Positive-faculty realize librarians are experts in research resources; guide-great	Perceive good feedback	Learned much, glad workshop offered, 20% follow up after workshop-JCR questions	no
Impact on library	Small service-unsure of real impact	Supports users-workshop time worth building <u>fac</u> relationship & PR for library	Good service for library; good PR; knowledge of tools good for librarians to know	Not much; requests have declined-gives library good resources though
Plans to continue/add	Continue guide-workshop schedule on regular basis instead of on demand; study making her think about more she wants to do; new univ. lib. Interested in faculty collab. So these services could be part of that	Outreach including department work plan	Yes-new information	Yes for guide-plan to add presentations to faculty on Eigenfactor, h- index
Additional comments	Valuable activity		Good experience to do the workshop	

Conclusions

- P&T Outreach is not pervasive...but needs to be
- Regular assessment
- Marketing strategies
- Commitment to the service
- New role for librarianship

Next steps...

- Workshops by subject cluster
- Develop formal assessment plan including needs assessment
- Continue training for subject librarians
- Integrating PTO
- Research article
- Further research

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