Library-based Publishing Workshop Skills and Training

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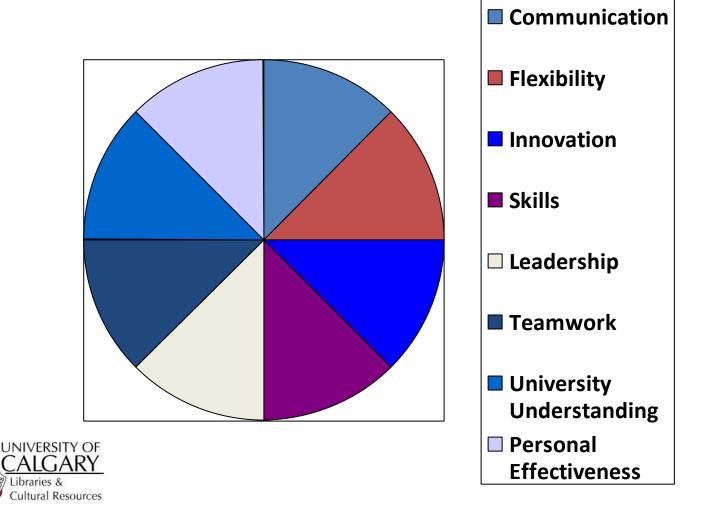
- Sustainable electronic publishing using a variety of platforms
- Robust dissemination of digital collections in multiple formats
- A platform for partnerships and discussion of trends and ideas
- Solutions for long term preservation of digital collections

Culture and Convergence

- Uniqueness
- Expert status
- Organizational identity
- Business model
- Setting priorities
- Definition of publishing



Staff Competencies



Core Elements

 Understanding the publishing environment Clear statement of mission/mandate

Copyright, copyright, copyright

Policies, clear solutions, decisions

Project management

Formal processes, including project plans, using ITIL, etc.



Core Elements

Understanding the toolset

Technical training and knowledge

Technical skills

OJS, Drupal, file formats, DSpace, metadata, harvesting, copy editing, layout

Marketing skills

Commitment to the program



Skills Development

- Mission
- Collegial planning
- Awareness/Environment
- Technical Skills
- Project management
- Connecting the dots
- Continuum of academic services



Staff integration

- 20% of project mgrs (dig) to Press initiatives
- Creative use of platforms
- Journals mgr working on Synergies
- Press Director national collaborations
- Broader responsibility for preservation
- Joint grant proposals
- Moving in together (!)



Next Steps

- Apply the skills we are learning to broaden the publishing program
- Develop a formal evaluation and reporting structure
- Work closely with Accounts to create a sustainable business model



Outcomes

- Integrated publishing program
- Means to experiment with new forms of dissemination (OA monographs, online bibliographies, occasional papers, conferences)
- Better focus on respective strengths
- An agile organization

