Letting the Data Lead the Way

Georgia Southern’s Journey with Alternative Metrics

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Focus 1: SelectedWorks

- Integration with SelectedWorks Author Profiles
- Individual and collective faculty metrics
Focus 2: Faculty Publication Lists

- Integration with Faculty Research and Publication Lists
- Graphs with a narrower purpose
Focus 2: Faculty Publication Lists

Metrics for Department

SelectedWorks Author Profiles

Faculty Research and Publication Lists
Focus 2: Faculty Publication Lists

Usage for Department

Faculty Research and Publication Lists
Focus 3: Institutional Reports

- Integration with Digital Commons@Georgia Southern
- Institutional repository annual reports
- Accreditation & academic program reviews

Social Media for Conferences (2014-2015)
Focus 3: Institutional Reports

Usage for College

Usage by publication year

Usage from all sources

Usage by publication year

Usage from Digital Commons

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Focus 4: Conferences

- Annual reports for conference organizers
- Encourage organizers to request presentation materials
- Analyze findings to discover best way to gather materials
Non-traditional metrics are beneficial to new and established journals when citations are not available and/or the impact factor is needed.
Focus 6: Grants

• Track a project’s success
• Example: Textbook Transformation Grants - Affordable Learning Georgia
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