Creating a Roadmap for Digital Scholarship Services

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An ad-hoc group got together to discuss digital scholarship...
DEFINE what is meant by DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

Conduct a NEEDS ASSESSMENT

BENCHMARK with other institutions

Conduct an ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN
Timeline

- **October 2015**: Group formed; identify stakeholders and review survey data
- **November**: Stakeholder interviews, benchmarking and environmental scan
- **December**: Review and analyze data
- **January 2016**: Draft report; solicit feedback
- **February**: Final Report Due

*Final Report Due October 2015*
“Digital scholarship enhances the act of creating and sharing by using digital technology. It leverages digital technology and media to conduct research across disciplines and to disseminate, access and/or reuse it via primarily electronic methods.”
Internal Focus Groups
- Library-wide “World Café” sessions
- Liaison Services (subject librarians)
- Branch Libraries

External Focus Groups
- Faculty, Graduate and Undergrad
- Geospatial and Data Visualization Interest Group
- Associate Deans for Research
peer and aspirational institutions
Our environmental scan identified five UH campus units providing related digital scholarship services:

- **Division of Research**
- **College of Natural Science and Mathematics**
  - Information Technology
  - Office of Research
- **Texas Institute for Measurement, Evaluation and Statistics (TIMES)**
- **Allied Geophysical Labs**
DATA ANALYSIS/ VISUALIZATION

DATA MANAGEMENT

DATA STORAGE and REPOSITORY
The Task Force recommended a phased approach.

**Phase 1**
Create “umbrella” brand for marketing and communication plan.

**Phase 2**
Formal DS unit; hire Coordinator and technical specialist.

**Phase 3**
Physical DS space within library; hire two additional staff.

**Phase 4**
Advanced programming and services; video, Open Access and Scholarly Communication.
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