Library Assessment Forum

SPACE AND FACILITIES ASSESSMENT
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Context

• Focus on facilities renovation

• Pragmatic approach

• From perspective as ARL Dean

• From perspective as Chair – ARL Statistics & Assessment Committee
Why We Assess?

- Do our jobs better
  - Improve a process
  - Inform our direction
- Tell our story
  - PR
  - Statistical compilations/Benchmarking
- Convince others to allocate resources to us
  - Donors
  - Funding agency/process
  - Internal
Administrative Perspective

- **Georgia Tech**
  - Commons update, two new commons, design/construction of new building
  - Variety of assessment tools
  - Assessment librarian
  - Advocates

- **University of Louisville**
  - Space renovations/updates across multiple libraries
  - Merging tools/assistance from Tech with existing operation
  - Role change between institutions
Administrative Perspective

- Role of Dean
  - Campus administration
  - External donors
  - Ongoing conversations
What is Important to Your President?

### Extraordinary Achievements*

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>2002</th>
<th>2013 (reporting year*)</th>
<th>2020 (reporting year*)</th>
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<td>Freshman ACT score (avg.)</td>
<td>21.4</td>
<td>23.2</td>
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<td>6-year graduation rate</td>
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<td>Baccalaureate degrees awarded</td>
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<td>Number of students living on campus</td>
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<td>Doctoral degrees awarded</td>
<td>76</td>
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<td>Research expenditures</td>
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<td>Endowed chairs &amp; professorships</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>87</td>
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*2018 data are considered preliminary pending final audit and reconciliation.

* September 15, 2013 is the official census date for university housing.
ARL Statistics & Assessment Perspective

- Lack of facilities component in annual statistics

- Interest in keeping statistics very concise but...

- Most ARL directors/deans indicate an interest in some facilities information
  - Data for bench marking
  - Visual/programmatic database to inform renovations
  - Describing value/ROI of library facilities
Facilities Questionnaires

- ARL Facilities Inventory
- ACRL Academic Libraries Facilities Questionnaire
Questions/Follow Up?