State of the Library

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Universities of the Future

- More interdisciplinarity
- More inclusivity
- More engaged with communities
- More globalization and internationalization
- More open to commercial influence
- More concern for security, financial aid, leadership
- More government and societal pressures
- More accountable
Resource Pressures

- Declining state support
- Increasing reliance on:
  - Tuition
  - Grants and contracts
  - Gifts from individuals, foundation, companies
Campus Strategic Goals to Reach Preeminence

- Leadership for the 21st Century
- Academic Excellence
- Breakthrough Knowledge & Innovation
- Transformative Learning Environment
- Access to the Illinois Experience
Illinois Has Achieved Preeminence: Opportunities and Threats

- Much deeper understanding of research, teaching, and learning methods
- Creativity, bold thinking, risk-taking to make resources stretch
- Data and text duration
Illinois Informatics Initiative Is Successful Model

- Creating and participating in virtual organizations
- New Library and campus collaborations
- External collaboration support
University Becomes More Business-Like

- Responsibilities for curation
- Perfection neither attainable nor desirable
- Strengthened partnerships with UIC and UIS Libraries
Life-Long Learning

- Tribal learning
- Spatial and temporal diversity
Other Relevant Trends

- Google, YouTube, FaceBook, WorldCat, Amazon, Digg
- New tools: wikis, blogs, Second Life
- New collaborative partnerships
- Community-built content
- OPAC searching
- “In the Flow”
Provost’s Messages

- Use resources for optimal strategic advantage
- Strengthen resource base
- Strive for excellence
- Develop plan for change
- Realign internal resources
- Move away from culture of growth
- No hiring without business plan
New Models of Scholarly Communication

- Rising costs
- Need for different models of scholarly argument and presentation
- Need networks, visualization tools, search engines, databases and indices, content management applications, and analytical tools necessary to create an accessible and user-friendly space
- CIC Shared Digital Repository
Cyberinfrastructure

Definition:

- Intricate, complex, and interoperable set of systems and content that transforms the concept of a digital library into a virtual work space characterized by an architecture that creates a systemic permeability that interrelates these digital objects and tools.
Fundamental Purposes of Libraries: Connect People With Ideas

- Understand how ideas are produced and documented
- Understand what constituents need
- Construct interfaces and mechanisms to connect people and ideas
Recap

- Changes in higher education
- New ways of teaching, learning, research
- New pressures to use resources more effectively
- More accountability