Adapting the Repository Annual Report into a Promotional Tool

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GVSU’s ScholarWorks Annual Report

ScholarWorks@GVSU Annual Report 2011

Overview
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In 2011 the repository added 3328 items, 7 journals, and 3 conferences. At the end of 2011 the repository had a total of 23 communities and 39 series. Use of the repository increased in 2011, with a total of 146,301 items downloaded by visitors. Visitors came to the repository from all 50 states and from 145 countries around the world. Recruitment of new content slowed during the 4th quarter of 2011 as the Scholarly Communications Outreach Coordinator took a different position at the University. That position was filled during the fall of 2011 with a new librarian taking on that role at the start of the Winter, 2012 semester, and it is expected that recruitment of content will return to previous levels.

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Faculty Research
ScholarWorks makes GVSU faculty publications available to researchers around the world.

Student Research
ScholarWorks hosts a wide range of student scholarship and creative works.

Conferences
ScholarWorks can manage conference workflows and materials.

GLOBAL REACH in 2011
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In 2011, thousands of new items were added to ScholarWorks, including the peer-reviewed journals Language Arts Journal of Michigan, Journal of Tourism Insights, and Online Readings in Psychology and Culture. The undergraduate publication fishbowl; a Student Journal of Writing and Art was also added. New conference and event sites were established for Student Scholars Day, FTLC Fall Teaching and Learning Conference, and Interprofessional Education Initiative Conference.

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Mission
- Referral to website

Areas of Emphasis
- Mirrors ScholarWorks homepage

Opening Eyes
- Potential partners have no context for our reach
- Data pulled from Google Analytics
  - Uploaded to geocommons.org
  - Map created with Adobe Illustrator
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Basic Statistics
- Designed to impress
- Designed to show vitality

Highlighting Specific Pubs and Events
- Society Publications
- High-profile campus pubs and events

Campus Partnerships
- Take advantage of competition
- Reassure
Going Forward

• Brochure is available in print and electronically

• Target Audiences
  – New faculty
  – Dean’s council
  – Recruited faculty and programs

• Make available to liaisons

• Will update content annually
Thank You

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