

A Bridge, A Hand, and Pedestal:

The Digital Commons and the Kennesaw State/Southern Poly Consolidation

Introduction – 2 minutes

It was announced in November of 2013, by University System of Georgia Chancellor Hank Huckaby, that Kennesaw State University (KSU) and Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) would consolidate. The institutions are scheduled to be operating as a consolidated university by July 2015. This decision has impacted every facet of campus life and work, including KSU's DigitalCommons. This presentation will highlight the experiences of the repository manager at KSU during the transition with hopes to encourage others who may be going through similar scenarios to engage in a more personal dialogue. Challenges, accomplishments, and strategies will be addressed. Under these circumstances, the DigitalCommons acts as a bridge between the previously separate universities, a hand to console distrust and hurt that some SPSU faculty feel, and a pedestal to showcase the unique scholarly endeavors of KSU's two campuses.

DigitalCommons@KSU History – 2 minutes

- Started in 2009 to house ETDs
- Grew steadily under Jon Hansen
- Currently publish 16 journals
- Faculty Publications and Faculty Bookshelf
- Research Centers
- SelectedWorks pages
- Conferences
- Special Projects

My Position in the DC – 2 minutes

- Started as GRA in August 2013
- Projects with Dr. Benjamin
- Given opportunity for full time in April 2014

The Consolidation – 2 minutes

- Announced in November 2013
- Working groups
- Sturgis Library & Johnson Library – University Library System
- Will be completely and effectively consolidated as of July 2015

Brief KSU History – 2 minutes

- Founded – 1963
- A comprehensive university known for its Nursing, Business, and Education programs
- Number of Students – 22,621

Brief SPSU History – 2 minutes

- Founded – 1948

Strong focus on engineering, programs include architecture, computer science, mechanical engineering technology, construction engineering, and mechatronics engineering, had also the standards biology, chemistry, history, psychology, etc.
Number of Students – 5,732

How to Help?

Dr. David Evans, Assistant Vice-President for Library Services

A Bridge – 2 minutes

Building relationships
Bringing people together
Promoting different offices between the two

A Hand – 2 minutes

Faculty Publications
Bringing resources to light
Helping professors on the Marietta Campus link up with new-to-them resources
Console the hurt feelings

A Pedestal – 2 minutes

SelectedWorks Pages
KJUR
Faculty Publications / Bookshelf
For their students / program / department

Strategies – 5 minutes

KSU's student media
Trifolds
Meetings, meetings, meetings
Faculty champions

Challenges – 5 minutes

Change over during consolidation
Learning the pre-existing collections opportunities of the Marietta Campus
Meetings, meetings, meetings w/o being a pain during a difficult process
Also growing the Kennesaw Campus's knowledge / understanding / adoption

Accomplishments – 5 minutes

Dr. Ham – Mechatronics Strategic Initiatives Grant from the Division of Global Affairs
Dr. Bohannon – linked her and Dr. Vaught over Geechee / Gullah coast work
Ziegler Scrapbook Project – Dr. Kelley as translator
Dr. Omidvar's honors college needs – specific need for 3D visualization, gives him a bit of joy in the consolidation

Future Goals – 5 minutes

Participate in their student portfolio events (Architecture, DWMA, etc.) and house the proceedings

Build tighter connections with Honors Program – theses and other projects

Conclusion – 2 minutes