Valuing an academic departmental library

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Presentation Outline

• Purpose and research questions
• Grainger Engineering Library Overview
• Departments/Students/Faculty
• ROI Theories
• Study Components
• Concluding remarks
Purpose

• Why does this study matter?
• Research Questions
  a. What constitutes value in an engineering library?
  b. What will the engineering library collection expenditures indicate?
  c. What would data from faculty served, budgets, grants illustrate?
  d. What relationships can be determined?
GEL Overview
Departments/Students/Faculty

• 11 departments
• 7112 undergraduates and 2927 graduates
• Total Engineering Faculty (Assistant, Associate and Full professors)
  a) 204 Full Professors
  b) 88 Associate Professors
  c) 75 Assistant Professors
ROI Theories

- Efficiency and output, financial contribution, balanced score card
- Cost analysis, learning, research and services
- Ebooks, journal collection, reading and scholarship
Preliminary Analysis

• Cost of E-Journals, Monographs and E-Books
• Cost of Print and Electronic Library Materials
• Local Journal Utilization Report
• Grants and Budget
• Kaufman (2008) study
GEL Collection

• Cost of Journals and Databases
  a) 2013 = 1.7 million
  b) 2014 = 1.8 million

• Cost of Monographs including E-books
  a) 2014 = 212,000
  b) 2013 = 149,000
Next Steps

• Determine the best method of analysis with these various documents

• Identify what constitutes value in Grainger Library through its impact on its users
Thank You

• Questions??

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