

## Digital Projects Prioritization Criteria

As part of planning efforts related to the integration of digital library services, the Sheridan Libraries' Executive Committee created a list of criteria to prioritize resource allocation for digital projects. The members of the Executive Committee are Winston Tabb, Dean of Libraries and Sheridan Director, Sayeed Choudhury, Associate Director of Library Digital Programs and Hodson Director of the Digital Knowledge Center, Deborah Slinguff, Associate Director of Access Services, and Ken Flower, Associate Director of Operations.

The criteria list is intended for use when considering both existing and future digital projects. The top ten criteria (in order of importance) for prioritizing digital projects are as follows:

1. Support for Hopkins research
2. Support for Hopkins faculty or community
3. Support for Hopkins teaching
4. Support of School priorities
5. Uniqueness of material
6. Enhancing collection's profile
7. Existing funding commitments
8. Preservation needs
9. Ability to attract new funding
10. Potential for collaboration

The larger list of criteria, based on findings from strategic planning exercises and brainstorming during a planning meeting, included the following (not in rank order):

- Faculty and community support
- Scholarly significance
- Enhancing the collection's profile
- Project visibility
- Available skills
- Existing funding commitments
- Ability to attract additional / new funding
- Revenue generation - publishing - sales
- Support of research
- Public relations
- Support of teaching
- Support with school priorities/ support of University programs
- Breadth of impact
- Attracting faculty
- Preservation needs
- Uniqueness of material
- Potential for collaboration