Mapping the success and significance of our service

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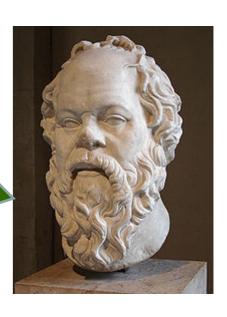
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- From Balanced Scorecard to Strategy Map
- Case study: University of Pretoria Open Scholarship Programme
- Conclusion
- Team effort



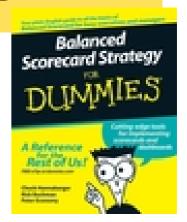
Τηε υνεξαμινεδ λιφε ισ νοτ φορτη λισινη = the unexamined life is not worth living

Socrates 469-399 B





If you are not keeping score, you are just practicing







Only high profile sports teams can afford to practice at such high costs, the rest of us are competing for scarce resources



Accountability is everybody's business



- •We have to provide evidence of the value/ return on investments made in us
- In ways that show that we understand what is important for our clients and stakeholders
- Making sure that our contribution is acknowledged

Fantastic document: busy-ness at its best!

But does it say anything about real university issues?





UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA LIBRARY SERVICES Contribution to UP Excellence 2009

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

- 2 316 077 articles downloaded from online journals licensed by the Library Services
- 5 663 011 searches on citation indexes licensed by the Library
- 13 314 interlending documents delivered to UP clients
- 10 524 individual training sessions
- Information literacy and research training for postgraduate students as part of coursework, Research Methodology and Postgraduate Research Support
- Contribution to research audit and report: 76 articles "discovered" = 44.25 units
- The University received a return of R1.31 in research grant income for every Rand invested in the Library

The 2009 LibQUAL+® survey (253 academic staff + 835 postgraduate student respondents) indicates:

- 84% commend the staff for their willingness to help their professional behaviour and for their know
- 80% find the library web site an enabling
- The information resources are below needs

TEACHING AND LEARNING CO

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- 40 969
- 128 436 s.
- 227 628 on.
- 2 832 069 libi (graduates)
- 647 ClickUP inf
 ges
- Study centre (Ma us) open 132 hours per week
- Learning Centre in Me Merensky Library provides a knowledge commons service to undergraduates

The 2009 LibQUAL+® survey (2 264 undergraduate student respondents) indicates:

- 81% find the library web site an enabling tool for independent work
- 80% commend the staff for their willingness to help
- 80% find the electronic resources needed for their studies
- 79% regard the library as a haven for study, learning and

ONLINE LIBRARY SERVICE

- Resources, general and reference services available to the UP community 24/7, anytime, anyplace
- 62 701 online journals
- 275 668 electronic books (892 licensed, the rest free)
- 4 214 UP theses online (UPeTD)
- 9 976 items in institutional repository (UPSpace)
- 178 352 pages digitized for UPSpace collections including SA Veterinary Journal (1903+)
- 40 blogs and 9 wikis (Library 2.0 products)

ONLINE LIBRARY USAGE

- 2 316 077 articles downloaded from online journals licensed by the Library Service at an average cost of R11.15 per article
- 1 151 870 library web site visits, 7 504 901 files downloaded
- 4 453 201 files downloaded from e-theses repository (UPeTD)
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see map)

32 hours per week
31 onal + 82 support + 85 hourly)

32 students + 171 in library training rooms
22 per book volumes (983 360 titles)
23 print journal volumes

PHYSICAL LIBRARIES USAGE

- 2 396 924 library visits excluding ORTambo Law Library (mostly undergraduates)
- 14 158 visitors (highest) on one single day in Merensky Library
- 271 856 visitors during August in all libraries
- 552 058 books and other physical media loaned

J9 subscriptions to print journal titles

- 77 884 books and journals used inside libraries
- 128 436 short loans from reserved (study) collections
- 8 316 779 photocopies made
- 5 385 678 pages printed on network printers

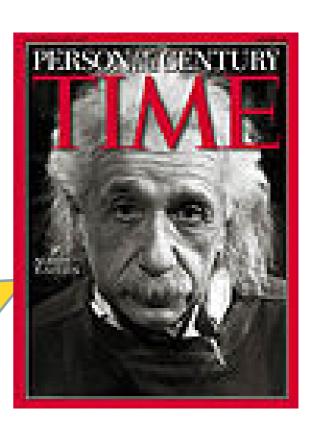
LEADERSHIP/INNOVATION/PARTNERSHIPS/EVENTS

- · African Digital Scholarship and Curation Conference
- E-research seminar
- Institutional repository workshops
- Leading role in game-based learning
- 1st SA Web2 Workshop
- Participation in World Digital Library
- 1st Carnegie Library Leadership Academy
- Veterinary Science Library named after Jotello F Soga (1st South African to qualify as a veterinarian)
- World Book Day celebration
- Open Access mandate for research papers
- Malaria Virtual Research Environment (VRE) project

Section of Centenary tapestry in the Merensky Library created by Karos (read more at http://www.library.up.ac.za/aboutus/quilt.htm)

Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted.

Albert Einstein 1879-1955





How libraries stack up: 2010

In America, we go to libraries to find jobs, create new careers and help grow our small businesses. We borrow books, journals, music and movies. We learn to use the latest technology. We get the tools and information needed to reenter the workforce. We get our questions answered, engage in civic activities, meet with friends and co-workers and improve our skills at one of the 16,600 U.S. public libraries. Every day, our public libraries

deliver millions of dollars in resources and support that meet the critical needs of our communities.

Every day

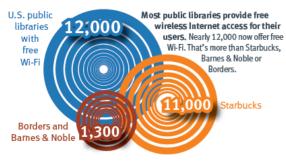
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Here are a few of the ways that our public libraries stack up.

get **job-seeking help** at their public library.

Hot spots



Sources: ALA, 2009, "Libraries Connect Communities 3: Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study, 2008–2009", Starbucks corporate communications; www.borders.com;

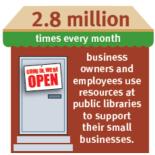
It's in our wallets

Library cards are about as prevalent as credit cards.
Two-thirds of Americans have a library card. For many young people, the first card in their wallet is a library card.



Sources: ALA, "The State of America's Libraries, 2009"; U.S. Census Bureau, population estimates for those aged 20 and over; Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2010.

Taking care of business



Source: OCLC, 2010, primary research.

Getting technical

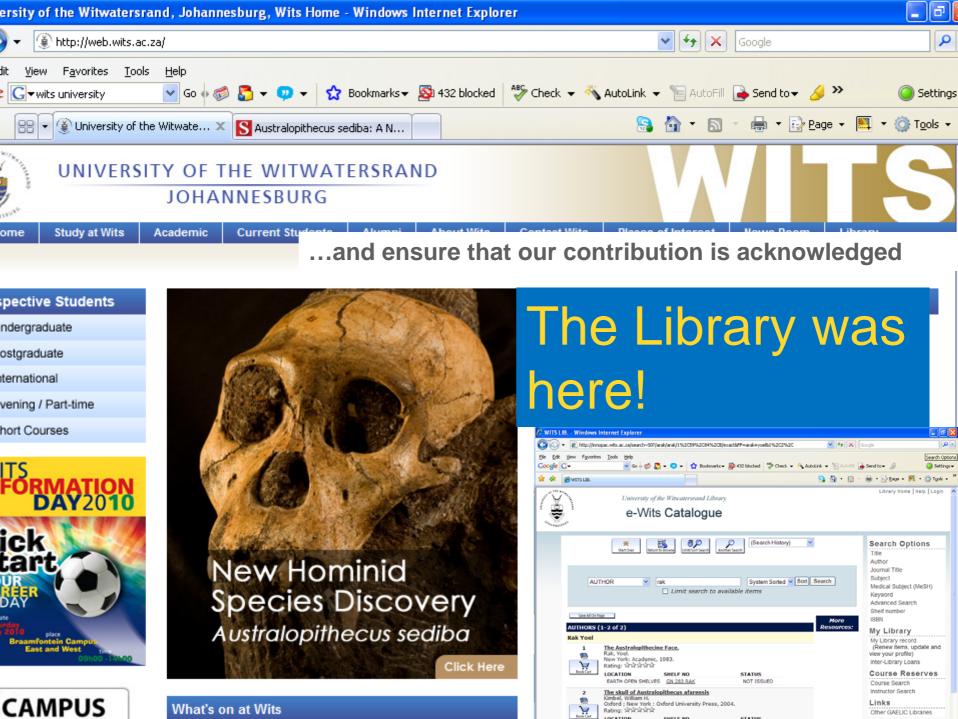


More libraries—5,400—offer technology training classes than there are computer training businesses in the U.S. Every day, 14,700 people attend free library computer classes—a retail value of \$2.2 million. That's \$629 million worth of computer classes annually (based on 286 business days peryear).

Sources: ALA, 2009, "Libraries Connect Communities 3: Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study, 2008–2009"; ReferenceUSA Business and Residential Directory; OCLC, 2010, primary research; www.geeksquad.com.

We need to report our findings in ways that speak to the concerns of our users

http://www.oclc.org/reports/stackup/default.htm



Are you the cocoa or the eggs?



- Successful research is the synergistic combination of numerous factors and 'ingredients' of which the library's contribution is [unfortunately] not the most important
- •It is therefore very difficult to isolate and measure our contribution
- We have to be ingenious and try out new ways to measure and illustrate success
- •A strategy map is a useful tool to reveal integrated thinking and value



Balanced Scorecard Basics 1992-

- 4 Perspectives:
 - -financial
 - -customers
 - -internal business processes
 - -learning and growth
- 5-6 good measures for each
- Most important perspective at 12h00
- **Financial** "To succeed financially, how **Internal Business Processes** Vision "To satisfy our "To achieve our vision, how should shareholders and Strategy must we excel at?" **Learning and Growth** vision, how will we sustain our ability to change and improve? Source: Balanced Scorecard Institute
- Goal: balance and future readiness
- Compatible with the needs of non-profit organizations but they should also pay more attention to financial measures



1st Generation Shortcomings

- Vagueness
- Lack of direction with regard to measure selection (from a vast range of possibilities) and measure clustering: quite often measures for the different perspectives did not address the same issue and hence did not create a coherent picture
- Confidence and resulting buy-in was low
- Disappointing results



New Insights → 2nd Generation

Successful implementation was reported whenever the BSC supported major strategic initiatives ->



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Additional perspectives will not necessarily guide the organisation towards doing and measuring the right things

The right things are already included in the strategic plan →

MEASURE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION AND EXECUTION!



2nd Generation: The Strategy Map

A strategy map is a coherent one page view of the relationships between the promise to clients and stakeholders, the financial goals, the necessary internal processes, the resources needed to implement the strategy and appropriate measures for success.



Unpacking and translating strategy to make it

MEANINGFUL, ACTIONABLE, MEASURABLE



Developing the strategy map

"Client/Stakeholder value proposition"

Client/ Stakeholder perspective 1. Identify clients and stakeholders, develop client/stakeholder value proposition.



5. Indicate logical linkages



2. Identify financial goals

6. Identify appropriate measures



3. Describe internal processes necessary to fulfill financial goals and client/stakeholder value proposition in terms of Operations Management, Customer Management and Innovation



4. Identify and describe the Human Capital, Information Capital and Organizational Capital that will provide capacity to drive the other three perspectives



The following 6 slides demonstrate the concept with a strategy map for the University of Pretoria's Open Scholarship programme of which the main goal is to provide open access to UP theses and dissertations, published research and conference papers and to facilitate publishing in open access journals (http://www.library.up.ac.za/openup/index.htm)

1: Develop client/stakeholder value proposition

"Client/Stakeholder value proposition"

Client/ Stakeholder perspective

1. Identify clients and stakeholders, develop client/stakeholder value proposition. A value proposition is a clear statement of the tangible results a customer gets from using your products or services.



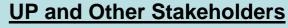
International researchers and public

Free and easy access to quality research results

Remote online access

Manageable down-

loading



Comprehensive view of research

Increased impact and reputation

Efficient research reporting >

more income

Mutually advantageous relationship with publishers



processes perspective

Learning and Growth

Perspective

UP Researchers (staff and post-graduate students)

Visibility

One-stop access to own

publications

Effective research

reporting

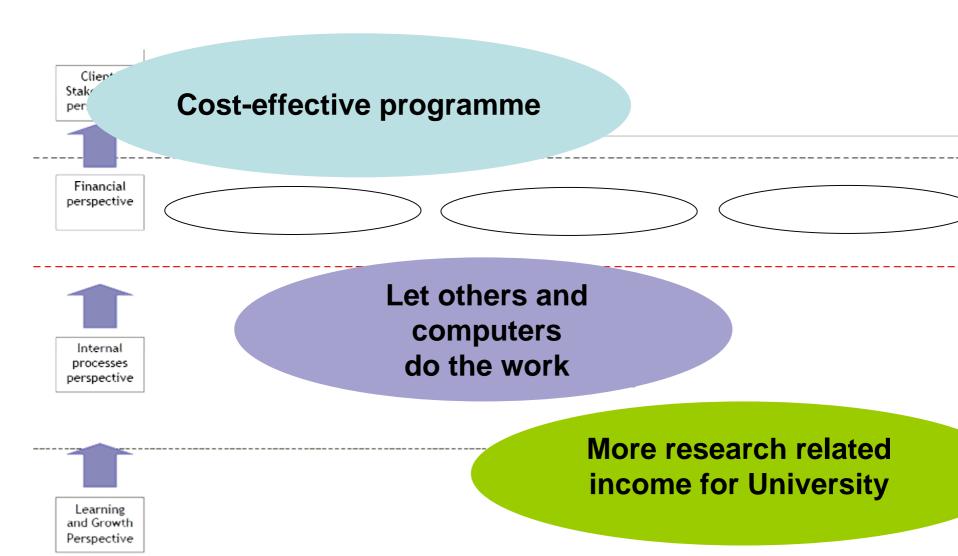
Guaranteed archiving

Uncomplicated

submission process

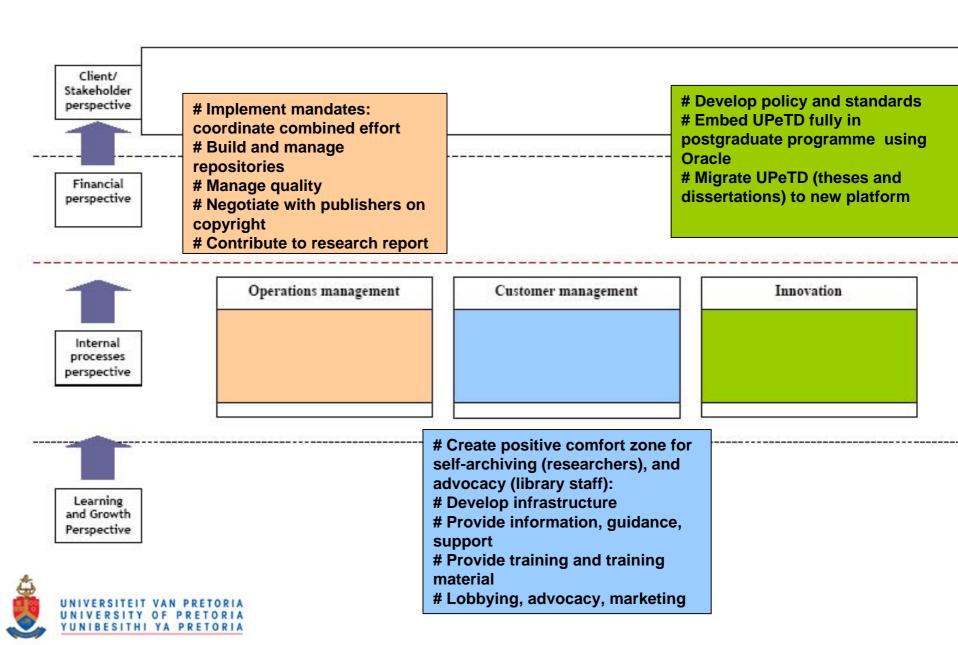


2: Identify financial goals

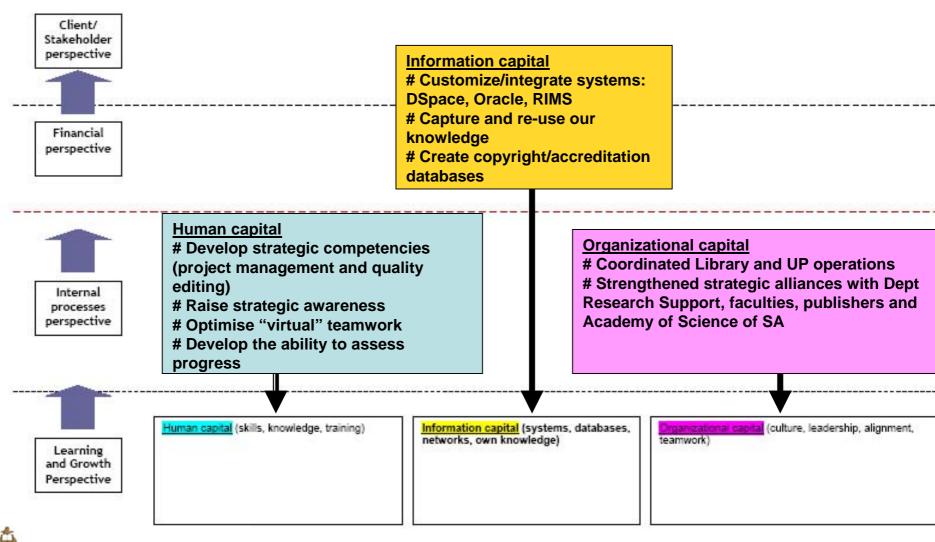




3: Describe internal processes



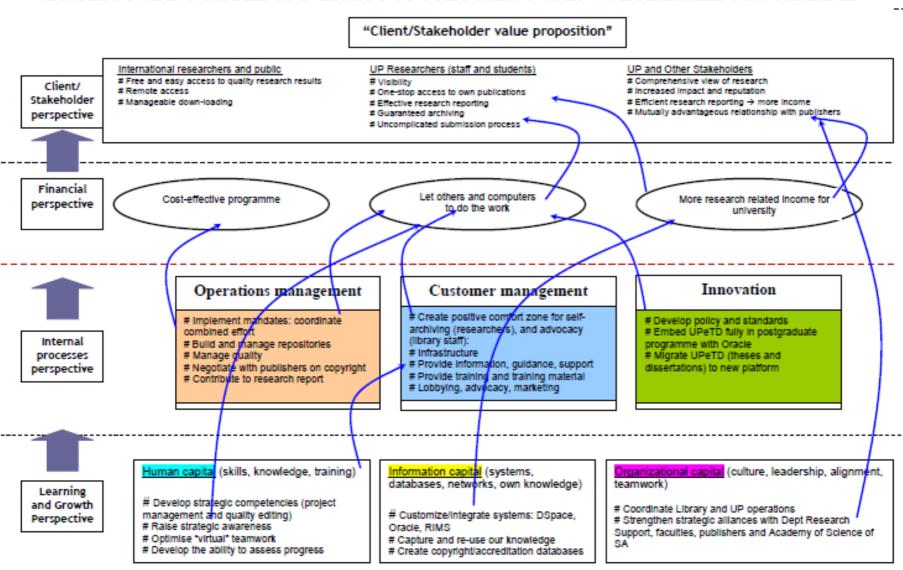
4: Identify and describe capacity needs





5: Add logical linkage

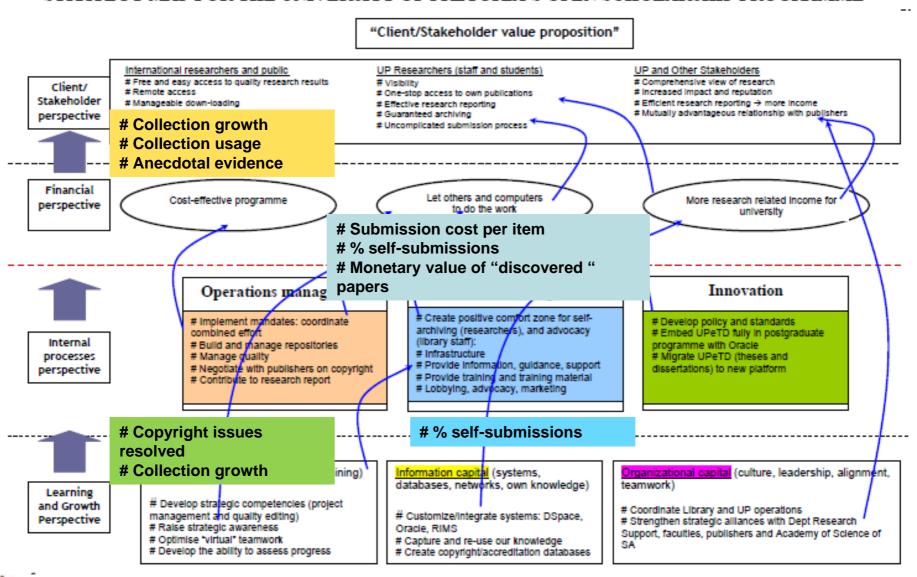
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6: Identify and describe measures

STRATEGY MAP FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA'S OPEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME





Conclusion

- Effective tool for clarifying, translating and communicating strategy
- Simplifies implementation and monitoring of progress
- Holistic view of strategy and progress
- Very effective for developing measures for new initiatives
- Limited to one programme it is manageable, sustainable and transferable
- It will be a useful tool for measuring the success of the Carnegie project



Thank you!

Questions and comments

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