

2017 Digital Measures Annual Review Updates

To assist faculty with entering data and generating annual reports within Digital Measures (DM), the DM team has been working with faculty, along with associate/assistant deans and chairs/directors on how to continuously improve this process for faculty. The following is an update of work completed to assist faculty with annual reviews.

Category Updates – There were a few categories within DM where the drop-down list went on and on, and in frustration, many faculty picked OTHER. OTHER is a dangerous category in a database when it comes to reporting data. A great deal of time has been spent consolidating two category drop-downs: Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions. These changes were made with input from sources within colleges. Once changes were finalized, a DM team member reclassified the items within DM to match the updated options.

MavGrants – Last year MavGrant external grants were imported into DM. This year MavGrant imports will include both external and internal grants. Another step was to match the drop-down fields in MavGrants into DM. The last push of data from MavGrants into DM will occur by January 19th. Next year the Digital Measures team will be working on connecting the two systems to have nightly updates.

Publications Import - DM makes importing publications easy by connecting to third party databases. Currently, DM is compatible with PubMed, Web of Science, and Crossref. If you use a citation management system such as Zotero, Refworks, or Google Scholar to track your publications, you can export citations from that tool in BibTex file format, and import them directly into DM. For additional information on using citation import option click here (Link to Katie's document).

Annual Review Reports – Last year every college and the library started using a unique annual report allowing each college to customize annual reviews. This year the DM team continued to work with the colleges on refining their annual review reports. These revisions will continue until these reports accurately reflect the faculty work during an annual review period. Your feedback is important for continuous improvement.

Additional Data added to DM – The following data has been added for a better record of activity within DM:

- Imported five years of teaching schedules for both UNO and UNL faculty
- ACE data has been added as far back as Fall 2014
- ACE Workload Difficulty item questions have been added to the ACE summary table.
- Office of Institutional Effectiveness, during the summer of 2017, changed the criteria for releasing ACE results to faculty on small course enrollments. It is no longer <5 respondents, if there are at least three respondents. (i.e. enough to calculate an average).

Global Engagement – The DM team has been working with the committees focusing on global engagement and the internationalization of the curriculum to better set up the DM environment for faculty to track this important work. This work is ongoing. Talk with your C/D to decide

where best to put global engagement activities into DM for the upcoming annual review. Watch for updates in the coming year.