Celebrating Black Faculty and Student Scholarship:
A Framework for UW Libraries Programming and Outreach

Our Background

Building on our report, *Undergraduate student experiences during COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter: synthesis of data sources from Spring/Summer 2020*, we were inspired to continue learning about actionable ways the libraries can support and celebrate Black Students. Partnering with UW Libraries Open Scholarship Commons, the Research Commons, and the Assessment and Planning department, we brainstormed meaningful next steps culminating into our capstone project. Through interviews, our goal was to provide recommendations and an framework for the UW Libraries to create sustainable, long term programming and outreach methods that targets the University of Washington's Black community.

The word cloud above depicts themes derived across our 14 interviews

Key Facts

- We conducted a total of 14 interviews, including 10 graduate students and 4 faculty members
- The interviews lasted between 30-45 minutes, and had one note taker & one interviewer
- We did not record our zoom interviews for building trust, and to reduce feelings of weariness due to being recorded. want ed folks to feel comfortable and share open and honestly
- Due to the nature of our project, we found it important to compensate our participants. Graduate students were awarded $100 incentives funded by the UW Black Opportunity Fund. Faculty have the option of having their scholarly profiles spotlighted on the UW Libraries Blog.

Our Recommendations

1. The UW Libraries should consider developing and/or marketing qualitative research themed workshops in collaboration with GO-MAP or the Black Graduate Student Union to support the research needs of Black students.
2. The UW Libraries should highlight and display current and past research projects, publications, and other works of all interested Black faculty and students. This needs to be highly visible and accessible to the public.
3. The UW Libraries should pursue a participatory design project geared towards building trust and addressing harm with Black communities at the University of Washington.
4. The UW Libraries should offer space in the RSC/OSC for Black faculty and students to build community, hosting events like meet and greets, office hours, and brown bags.

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