

THE UNIVERSITY AS A LEARNING COMMONS

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The University of Texas at El Paso

- Founded 1914 as Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy
- Texas Western College in 1949
- UTEP in 1967
- From Mining, Engineering and Science to
 - Engineering, Business, Liberal Arts, Health Science Science and Education
- Undergraduate and MS Degrees in 67 areas
 - Doctoral degrees beginning in 89 in 16 Areas
- Model Public Urban University serving 22000 students



El Paso

UNITED STATES

MEXICO

PACIFIC OCEAN

Gulf of Mexico

Bay of Campeche

Strait of Florida

CUBA

JAMAICA

CANADA

WASHINGTON

MONTANA

NORTH DAKOTA

MINN.

WISCONSIN

MICHIGAN

NEW YORK

VERMONT

MAINE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

MASSACHUSETTS

CONNECTICUT

NEW JERSEY

PENNSYLVANIA

MARYLAND

DELAWARE

WEST VIRGINIA

KENTUCKY

VIRGINIA

NORTH CAROLINA

TENNESSEE

SOUTH CAROLINA

ARKANSAS

ALABAMA

MISSISSIPPI

LOUISIANA

FLORIDA

BAHAMAS

OREGON

IDAHO

WYOMING

SOUTH DAKOTA

IOWA

NEBRASKA

NEVADA

UTAH

COLORADO

KANSAS

MISSOURI

CALIFORNIA

ARIZONA

NEW MEXICO

OKLAHOMA

ARKANSAS

ALABAMA

SOUTH CAROLINA

ARIZONA

TEXAS

ALABAMA

Strait of Florida

CUBA

JAMAICA

CARIBBEAN

Whom Do We Serve?

- El Paso / Juarez Mexico – 2,000,000 People
- Primarily Low Income - \$32,000 Median
- Students receiving financial aid – 16,000
- English Challenged
- Mixed Preparation



UTEP's Primary Commitment

Access

Student Support

Entering Student Program

Pre College High School

Technology Support

Academic Analytics

Students as Staff

Sticky Space

Excellence

Doctoral Programs

Strategic Research

Health & Biomedical Sciences
and Engineering

Energy & Environment

Education for the 21st Century
Demographic

National Defense and Border
Security

Global Enterprise & Border
Studies



VU plus UTEP

A Partnership Based on Shared Values

- Global Learning Communities
- Library/Learning Commons Student Rovers/Tech Support
- Student Exchange - students as staff
- Academic Analytics- flag and follow
- Research Interactions - Health Science and Desalination





Drivers of change for the Learning Commons

- Impact of new pedagogies and curricula reform including blended learning
- Increasing shift to digital information resources
- Impact of mobile and related technologies
- Shift of educational support services to the online space



Learning Spaces in the Commons

Flexible design aimed to support a variety of discipline pedagogies

Spaces to maximize collaboration and participation

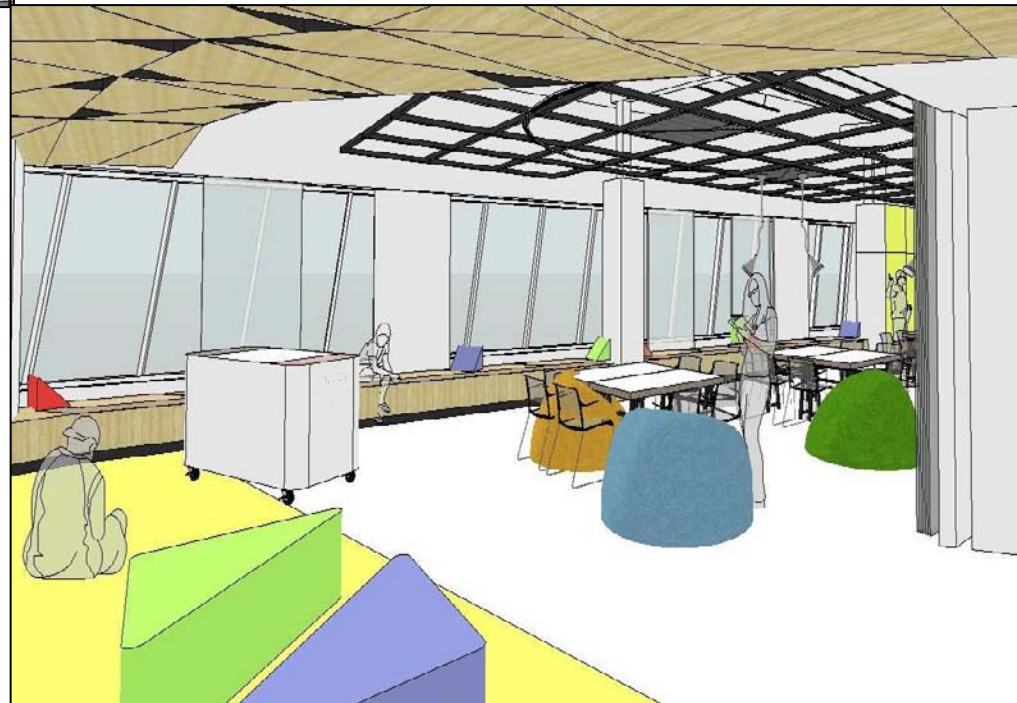
Spaces for supporting flipped learning with learning differentiated between online and physical environments





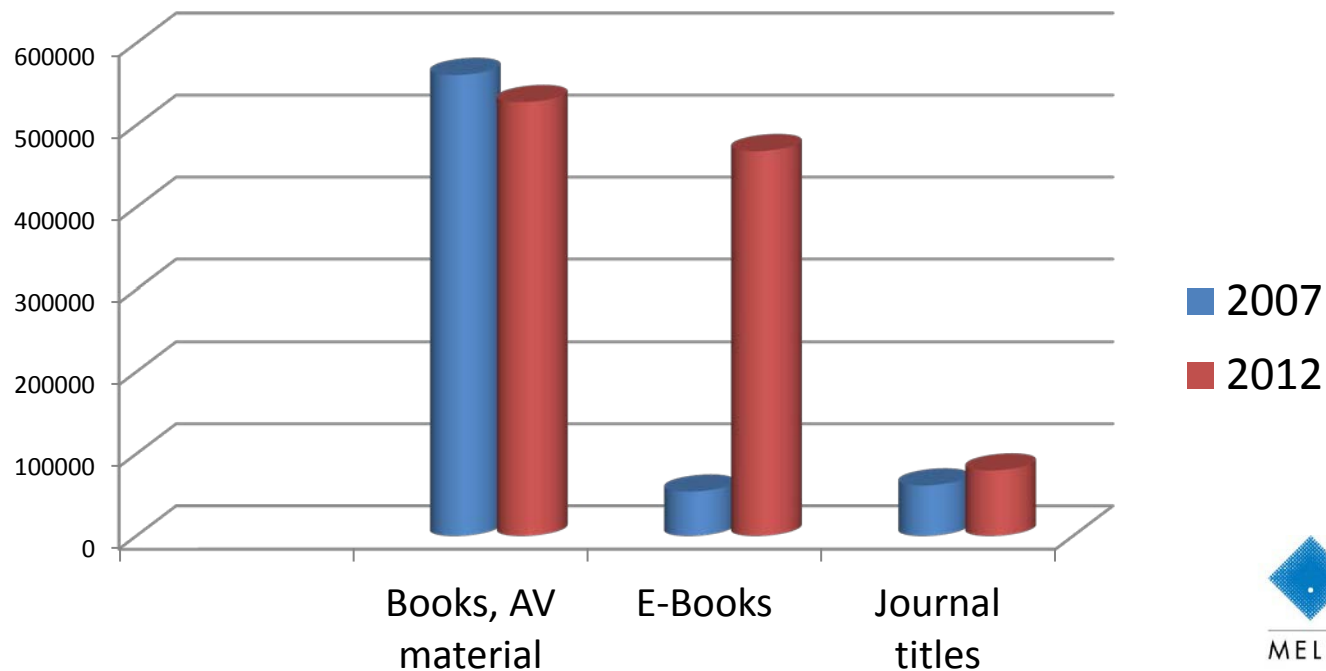
Victoria University Footscray
Nicolson Learning Commons –
Learning Terrain

Victoria University Footscray
Park Learning Commons –
Learning Space of the Future



Tipping point - academic e-books

VU Collection size	2007	2012
Books, AV material	561,341	528,242
E-Books	54,021	468,464
Journal titles	61,479	79,782



Services in the Learning Commons

Importance of student mentors in a transition pedagogy

Re-assessing the mix of educational support services

Making the transition to service in the online space



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