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# Developing repository collections — The benefits matter most

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## University Libraries

# We Have an IR-Now What?

- Liaison to RIT College of Applied Science & Technology (CAST)
  - Dean mandated all depts. attend an IR presentation
- Top down approach
  - Presentation to RIT's Deans' Council
  - Had archive images, CAST articles, *University News* publications
- Next steps...bottom up?
  - University/College department publications, podcasts
  - Faculty advisors/COLA/RIT Senate meeting minutes
  - Engaged College of Science Dean-harvested physics papers from arXiv-mandated faculty to archive
  - Informally spoke to deans, associate deans: Business, Engineering, Computer Science=**5 OA mandates**
  - Other 3 colleges had interim deans
  - 1 UNLV department mandate

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# Open Access Mandates

- All deans or associate deans asked: *“How does one mandate scholarship in an IR?”*
- *“It is required to have all scholarship or at a minimum, metadata in the IR, dependent on publisher copyright.”*
- All deans or associate deans asked: *“How do we get the scholarship in the IR?”*
- *“Whatever works best for you! Here are some options...”*
  - **Faculty and admin staff email CVs/URLs, individual items, deliver CDs with articles.**
  - **We will request post-prints, harvest from arXiv and personal websites.**
  - **It is a collaboration.**

# Value Proposition of Mandates

- We will do the work-harvest where possible from websites, use publisher copy where appropriate, contact faculty when necessary for post-prints (check copyright & try to locate items).
- Contact publishers for permissions
- Once you have at least one mandate, you can tell other deans and dept. heads (in context) who has mandated scholarship in the IR—viral effect.
- IR is a discovery tool when full-text not available

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# ETDs Mandate

- Collaborated w/Graduate Deans (RIT & UNLV)
- Proquest – University decisions to use
- Institutional Repository
  - Worked w/RIT Grad Dean to mandate theses/dissertations
  - Working w/UNLV Grad Associate Dean to fine tune the mandate for ETDs in IR
- Retrospective ETDs in IR
  - RIT: Presented to Deans' Council – no action
  - New RIT Provost & Library Director collaborated – all colleges contributed \$
  - Kirtas company scanners & operators scanned onsite

# Timing Can Be Everything

- Interim deans do not make major decisions
- A college or academic advocate can change the OA landscape—someone leaves, someone new
  - New RIT Provost — liked the idea of retro RIT ETDs
- RIT Senate minutes-vice chair wanted all minutes online, accessible, searchable, and archived
  - Secretary emails IR link to faculty, staff, students



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# Campus Content: Build Relationships

- Campus emails detailing a new publication, conferences, research, presentations, initiatives
- Talk to everyone on campus about the IR/OA—you never know who might be interested
- Keep library liaisons apprised re: open access
- Campus depts: Data or research center, herbarium/conservatory, podcasts, etc.

# Strategic Repository Collaborators

- Urban Sustainability Director
- Vice President for Research & Dean of Graduate College
- Associate Vice President for Research
- Director(s) of Brookings Mountain West
- Associate Dean – ETD administrator
- Library Liaisons

# Examples of Engagement

- I make appointments to meet with deans, associate deans, directors, faculty, staff
- Sometimes they come to my office or I go to their office—their choice. **I tell them the library has created a great new tool to showcase their scholarship/their dept.'s scholarship, and their students' work.** I explain it as we go online and look at the IR together.
- I talk about all of the benefits. I created a full page doc with benefits ranging from an individual faculty, students, to the university, and beyond.
- I am invited to dept. or researcher meetings to present on the IR. One situation can lead into another -> NV transportation engineer and librarian asked me to lunch—wanted to know how they could participate with NV State Transportation research in the IR.

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# Strategic Repository Partnerships

- Special Initiatives
  - Urban Sustainability
  - Brookings Mtn. West
  - NV State Transportation
  - Clark County Conservation
  - Clark County, Las Vegas, Henderson
  - Yucca Mountain
  - Water issues in the West
- Their Research Material
  - conferences, articles, audio/visual presentations, posters
  - articles, audio/visual presentations, newsletters
  - Librarian posts transportation docs
  - Staffer posts conservation docs
  - Library IR staff archives for the county and cities, also posts other government documents related to Yucca Mtn. and NREL

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Scholarship is a very personal aspect of faculty and students' academic life. If we can showcase it and ensure its greater value/availability via open access and a potentially higher impact factor, we will have succeeded.

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