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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
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
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
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.
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
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.
Thank you for attending the Digital Commons webinar!

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Any questions?
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