CNI PROJECT UPDATE
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To: The University Senate  
From: University Resources Policy Committee  
Subject: University Open Access Policy  
Disposition: University Senate for Information and Endorsement

The University Resources Policy Committee recommends that Purdue University adopt a policy that advances and supports deposit to the Purdue e-Pubs digital repository all scholarly articles published by Purdue faculty, thereby enabling open access in addition to and beyond the published, citable article.


All policies must be created by University Administration.
Open Access Initiative at Purdue

- Feb. 2012 Libraries Faculty passes Open Access Mandate
- Dec. 2012 Academic Deans advised that policy would not be acceptable to faculty as a mandate.
- Jan. 2012 - Ada and Libraries liaisons meeting with departments, – 16 completed, only 60 to go!
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PURDUE LIBRARIES AND THE JOINT
TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CENTER
Professor Darcy Bullock, Civil Engineering Director, Joint Transportation Research Project (JTRP)

Purdue Libraries e-Pubs is on the fast lane of the information highway for delivering our discoveries. Each year, more than 2,200 transportation professionals converge on the Purdue campus to mastermind ways to improve pavement, traffic flow and other topics key to the state’s transportation infrastructure. The Road School — 124 sessions hosted by the Joint Transportation Research Project (JTRP) — results in reams of valuable information that is relevant not only to Indiana but to global transportation.

With the mission of improving the planning, design, construction, operation, management and economic efficiency of Indiana’s transportation infrastructure, I believe the center has a core responsibility of sharing its discoveries with the world.

For years, proceedings from the Road School were stacked in boxes, moved by U-Haul to the library and scanned or distributed by email. In 2011, though, presenters were for the first time given the option of archiving their presentations in the Purdue e-Pubs, the Libraries’ Digital Repository. This was the result of an initiative begun in 2010 with Purdue Libraries to digitize the center’s documents and extend the reach of a vast body of publications that includes more than 1,500 technical reports a year. The Libraries’ Dave Scherer oversees systems management for us and Kelley Kimm works with authors to get content into the right form for digitizing.

We are also working closely with Purdue University Press to more widely distribute publications, such as a report containing information on traffic density on the state’s major roads that holds value not only for technical staff but a broader group of stakeholders. The effect of making documents available online has been noticeable. A 1972 report that may have sat in the stacks ignored for decades has been downloaded 463 times. Overall, we’ve seen a rise in downloads from 60,724 in 2010 to more than 100,000 in 2011.

JTRP’s work with Libraries is a national model of the way in which academic centers can and should catalog and archive proceedings, reports, papers and other publications. Research that sits on the shelf has no impact. If we don’t do a good job of communicating, then it’s discovery without delivery. Libraries has been helping us fulfill that key mission.

Bullock is the director of JTRP and professor of civil engineering.

JTRP is a collaborative effort between the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the state’s higher educa­tion institutions and industry. Presentations from the 2011-12 Purdue Road School are available at docs.lib.purdue.edu/roadschool.
• JTRP has ca. 1,750 items available in Purdue e-Pubs (out of ca. 30,000)

• In the last year, JTRP materials have been downloaded over 227,200 times

• Since the inception of the collection, JTRP materials have been downloaded over 530,000 times

• Average number of downloads per month continues to increase by ca. 10% p/m

• JTRP materials are accessed worldwide, notably India, China, South Korea, Italy, and Belgium
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University Award for Advancing Open Access
Given by Interim President Tim Sands to Professor Darcy Bullock, Director, Joint Transportation Research Project (JTRP)
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