

Strategies for Fostering a Culture of Open Access:

Reports from the Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions



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The Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions (COAPI)



- Formed in 2011, comprised of 52 North American universities with established open access policies or developing such policies. Aims:
 - share information and experiences
 - to illuminate opportunities for moving faculty-led open access forward at member institutions
 - advocate for open access nationally and internationally
 - <http://www.arl.org/sparc/about/COAPI>



UNT Open Access Timeline



- **2010:** University Open Access Policy Committee co-chaired by Dean of Libraries and Assoc. Dean of College of Information
- **2011:** the University of North Texas Faculty Senate voted to approve the *UNT Policy on Open Access to Scholarly Works*
- **2012:** UNT offices of General Counsel and System Chancellor's office implement official university policy 17.5 (*Policy for Open Access, Self-Archiving and Long-Term, Stewardship for UNT Scholarly Works*)
- **2012-2013:** Fostering a culture of OA comprehensively across the university



UNT Open Access Symposia



- **2010 Symposium:** Broad overview of OA topics, scholars & publishers, keynote Stevan Harnad
- **2011 Symposium:** Relationship of Open Access and Open Source SW, keynote John Willinsky
- **2012 Symposium:** Open Access to Publicly Funded Research Data, keynote Myron Gutman
- **2013 Symposium:** OA and the Futures of Academic Publishing, keynote Kathleen Fitzpatrick

New Library Positions with OA-related roles and responsibilities



- *Repository Librarian*: Charged with actively identifying and gathering and depositing in UNT Scholarly Works Repository copies of faculty research papers
- *Scholarly Communication Librarian*: (lawyer and librarian) advises faculty on OA issues and conducts campus OA awareness programs
- *Born-digital Collection Development Librarian*: Actively seeks to cultivate and improve visibility and access to OA resources

Some not-bad practices noted along the way



- Smaller OA advisory sessions
- Provide handouts with information to take away (about the SPARC addendum, services)
- Maintain an effective website with links and additional information
- Explain to faculty how open access potentially increases their citation count and fosters wider dissemination of their scholarship

UNT 2013 Open Access Symposium



- Will examine where academic publishing is headed in the future
- Kathleen Fitzpatrick (Director of Scholarly Communication at the MLA) and other researchers will discuss new models for publishing, including OA
- May 30-31 in Dallas, TX
- <http://openaccess.unt.edu>

