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](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