Institutional Repositories and Open Access Misconceptions @ UND

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Library Background

- New Library Dean in 2015
- New Digital Initiatives Librarian, Zeineb, July 2016
- New Scholarly Communication Librarian, Sara, June 2017
- Stronger focus on open access and scholarly communication
Campus Background

• Low faculty awareness
• No institutional culture for open access
• No central tracking of publishing
  – Digital Measures
  – Office of Institutional Research
• OER campus working group
Why Now?

• Federal mandate
• U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy in 2013 stated scientific research supported by the federal government must be made available to the public
• Push to increase campus research productivity
Services Offered

- OER workshops and symposiums
- OER assistance
- Rights analysis service
- Data management consultations
- Scholarly Communication Libguides
Questions: OER

• Outreach- “how would OERs help students?”
• Quality- “are they peer-reviewed?”
• Time- “where will I fit adopting open resources and changing lesson plans into my schedule?”
Questions: The Repository

• Version confusion: “What’s a post-print? Why can’t I post the regular article?”

• Rights confusion: “I had the option to pay for an APC and I didn’t -- am I really allowed to share this ‘post-print’?”

• Library concerns: “If we post articles here does that take away traffic from our own publisher subscriptions?”
Questions to Consider

• How do you create a culture change?
• How do you meet a need that faculty don’t recognize?
• How easy does this process need to be and how can we make it easy for faculty?
• How to best use your library resources?
Questions? CONTACT US.

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