Trends in IRs, Future Planning, Preservation

We will take some time to discuss the big picture issues of where IRs are going, how to plan for the future, long term preservation, how can we partner with bepress to achieve our goals, and any other topics that interest the group.

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What are some of the issues that in 10 years we should be keeping an eye out for? Who speaks for the content in the future? Long-term preservation (harvesting out IR content).

- (Hillsdale) How much are we willing to spend on bringing content into the future - copies in multiple formats, but there is so much stuff so how much is worth preserving? Another trend is consolidation and specialization. We used to be concerned about silos-- books and journals should never be together because it is concerning, but now they are put together for convenience. Always had this issue of born digital, with continuous fluidity of metadata and versioning.

- (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) Not currently doing statewide preservation. A couple of task forces looking at it as a possible consortium effort. First level of storage, then second level of preservation. Setting up Preservica. Not looking to include IR content into preservation system at present.

- (Western) Libraries might be more suited to do that than commercial alternatives. But then we see failures like the Digital Preservation Network

Anyone backing up IR on Amazon Web Services or on other servers?

- Apparently bepress is using Amazon Glacier
- (Eastern Illinois) Server on campus
- (Hillsdale) Backing up to Box
- (Western) Library server & its own subscription to Amazon; unreasonable to rely on bepress for migration

Bepress principles: 1) This is the institution’s content. 2) Always want to make sure the institution can take it out when they want. Not planning on getting into preservation. They are focused on being the best showcase now and into the near future

(Eastern Illinois) Hopeful that we see more open education resources being posted
(Western) but publishing is a lot of work, and requires dedicated personnel

In the future, are we going to see that it is more difficult to embark on these ventures as campuses get smaller and focus more on undergrad. student success and less on promoting research?

- (Eastern Illinois) First priority is to enhance the visibility of the university, second is promoting student work and publishing in the IR. Leaning towards offering SelectedWorks pages to graduate students, to build portfolios and launch their careers instead of just to faculty
- (Shandon) Isaac Gilman of Pacific University gave keynote at SMIRC on radically reorienting deployment of resources, focusing just on undergraduate student success in IRs..
- (Western) Illinois Wesleyan is really focused on publishing student journals, not sure how they get mentors for that. We have 2 student journals We lost an entire year of a grad student journal because the editor worked only through email and left the university. Difficult to get them a mentor..
- (Cleveland) Honors College as mentor for student journal
- (Eastern Illinois) Hosting a journal for organization that pay money that library redirects to scholarships. Similarly they charge for uploading theses.

How do you preach the gospel to faculty about putting things into the IR? Some institutions hit the wall, others have varying rates of adoption. Instead of evangelizing services, should we adopt a new model where we pay to make content open? Transformative agreements - e.g. Plan S.

- (Milwaukee) IR to keep things accessible, transformative agreements keep things sustainable
- (Marquette) Are we satisfied? How much are we willing to pay vendors since we can’t make these services ourselves? Would like to see repositories become simplified to avoid reliance on bepress to search across platforms. What would we be gaining to get a vendor to give us a backfile?