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ScholarsArchive@JWU Overview – Year One

The ScholarsArchive@JWU was established in February 2006. The repository is a service of Johnson & Wales University libraries. Research and scholarly output included here has been selected and deposited on behalf of the individual university departments and centers on campus.

It should be noted that Johnson & Wales University Library is a member of the HELIN Library Consortium, which is composed of eleven academic libraries and eleven special libraries.

This report covers activity from February 2006 – June 2007

Activity Summary*

The library director met with an ad hoc committee from the JWU School of Arts & Sciences in order to discuss potential SAS contributions to the site. The director also gave promotional presentations to the University Library Committee. In response to questions from faculty regarding policies and procedures, a ‘Procedures’ navigational link was added to the site linking to an FAQ on topics such as site mission, who can contribute, what to contribute, copyright issues, funding issues, etc.

Inaugural Content

- 101 Doctoral Dissertations through Proquest connection

* Reports from AY 2006-2007 through AY 2011-2012 were completed retrospectively during March & April 2013, therefore download data reflects totals as of March 26, 2013.

New Partnerships

See efforts outlined in activity summary.

Measures of Use

Submissions: 107

Downloads: 6,322 (as of 3/26/2013)

Top 20 Items: Not available

Google Analytics Data: Not available
Staffing
One library staff member working as the administrator and outreach coordinator.

Equipment
- PC desktop computer

Professional Development
Although Helin staff has done a very good job of filling in any knowledge and training gaps, it would be an advantage if they could give even more support for digital initiatives.

Outreach
- Meeting with an ad hoc committee from the JWU School of Arts & Sciences
- Promotional presentations to the University Library Committee

Successes
The primary success was to establish the Institutional Repository in the first place. Open Access and IRs were beginning to gain significant ground at this point; therefore, it was critical that work began to develop the ScholarsArchive@JWU.

Challenges
Growth of the ScholarsArchive@JWU has been slow for several reasons:

1. Academic and administrative departments lack adequate staff time to devote to doing the necessary upfront decision-making
2. The product is not perfectly intuitive and takes some time to get used to
3. The product is not ideally suited to the digitization goals of JWU at this time.

Opportunities & Goals
In spite of these disadvantages, the product has significant potential to develop in value over time. The question is, whether or not the time it will take to fully develop is worth the financing.

Conclusions
Same as above.