Data Archive Task Force

• Convened mid-fall 2013 as a subcommittee of the Research and Creative Activities Committee

• Charge:
  • Consider University policies toward the archiving of research data, including both accessibility and infrastructure
  • Originated as a request from OKED, in part in response to upcoming changes in federal policy to require open access to data from funded research
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Primary Recommendations

• Creation of a year-long working group to:
  • Further develop policy, in coordination with development of academic unit policies
  • Explore and make recommendations about centralized infrastructure requirements

• Charge every academic unit to:
  • Identify and/or develop data archiving and accessibility standards for their unit/disciplines
  • Coordinate with the working group in development of the general university policies
  • Coordinate with the working group on infrastructure requirements
Draft Policy on Archiving and Access

• The written policy is a suggested starting point for discussion over the next year, not a final policy to be adopted at this time

• General Principle:
  • All digitally stored data should be archived
    • Archiving would best be accomplished through a centralized infrastructure
  • Most digital data should be made publicly accessible
    • The timing on when data should become public and the exceptions to public access are among the major challenges for the working group and units over the next year