Outstanding Academic Papers by Students

OAPS

Promoting Academic Achievement and Collaborative Learning Through Innovation and Multicultural Exchange

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Progress Report on OAPS @ NTU Libraries

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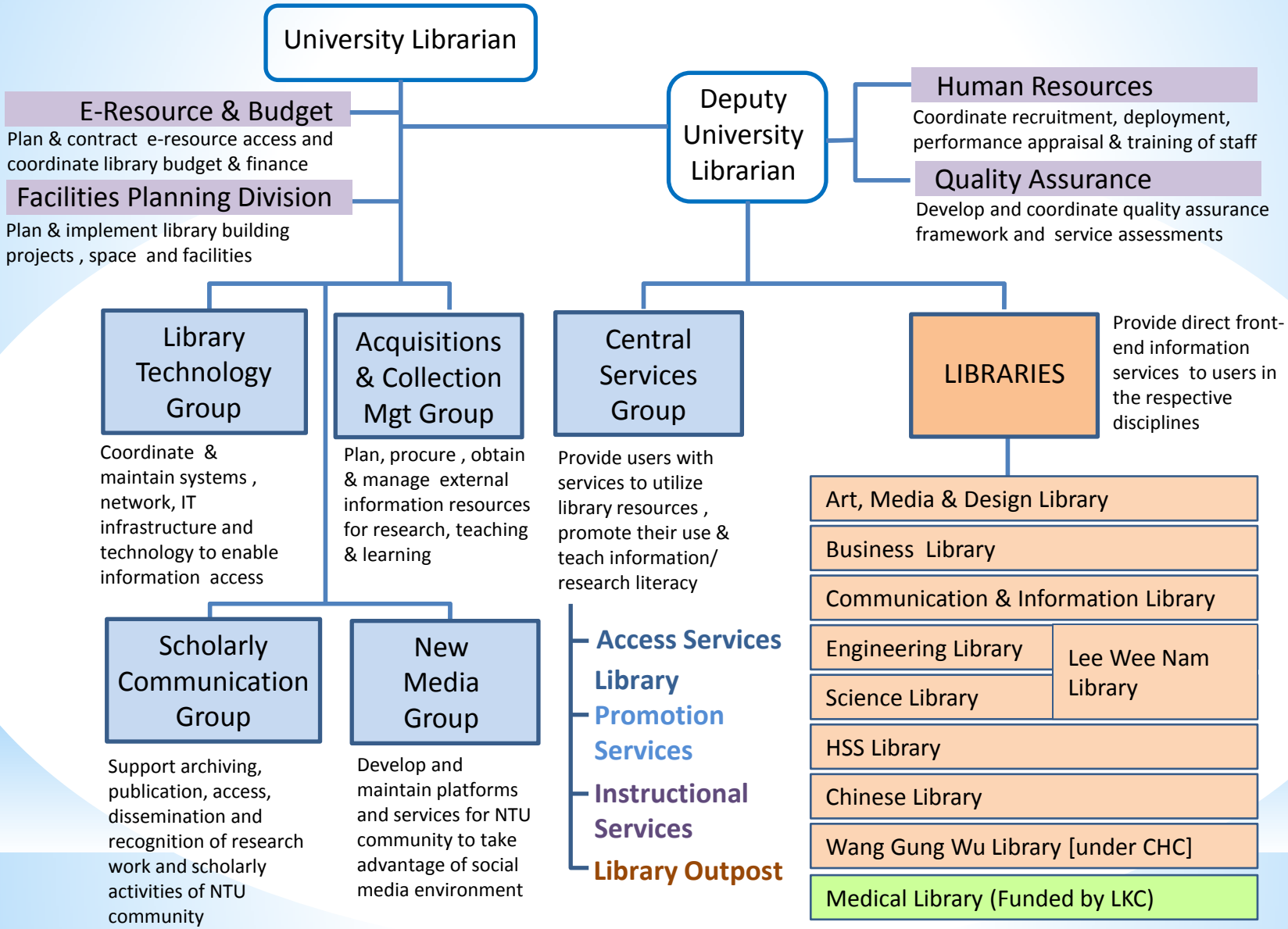
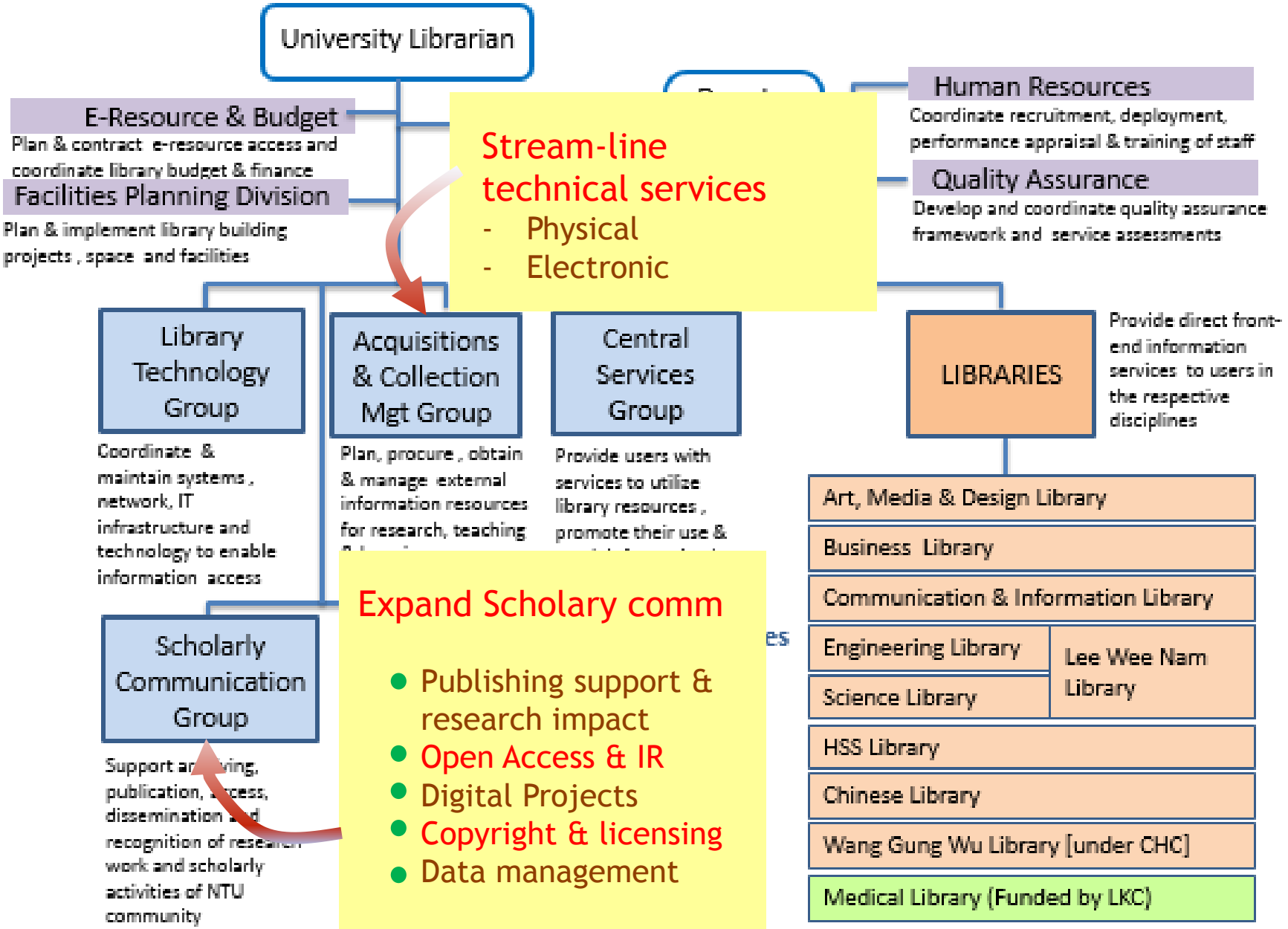
Outline

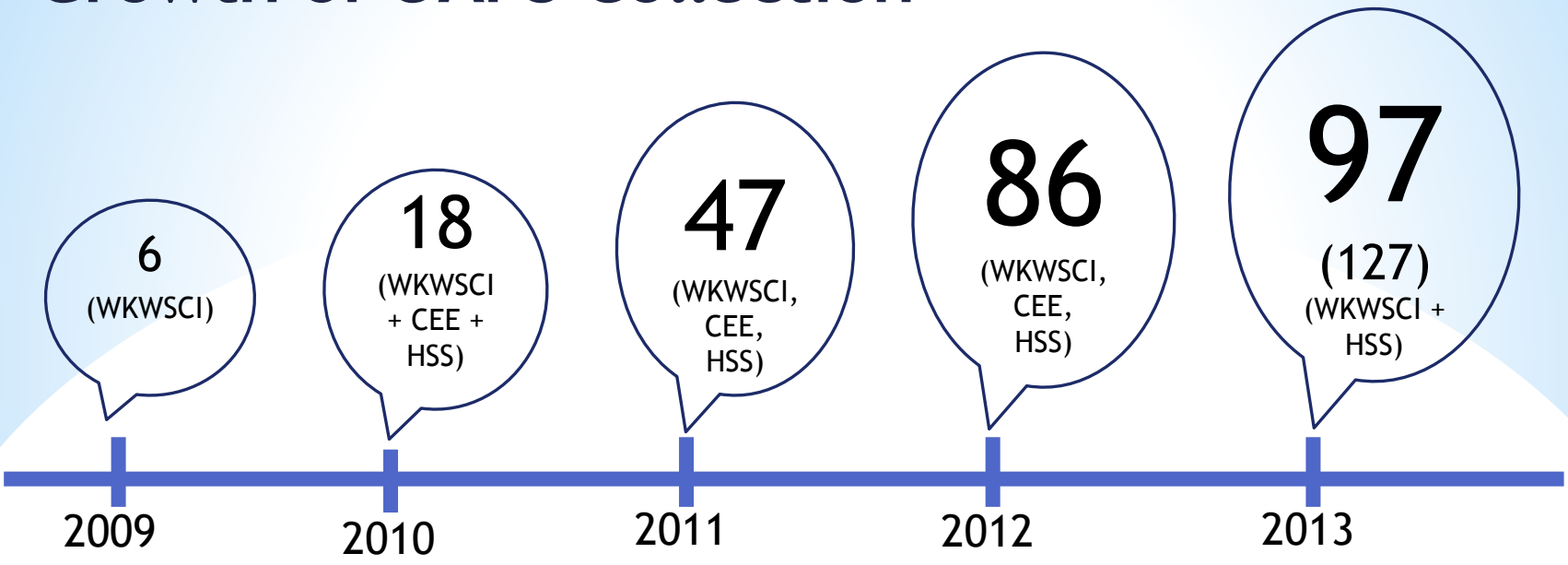
- Update on NTU Library organization
- Growth of OAPS Collection
- URECA Papers for OAPS Collection
- Feedback on *Checklist for Submission of OAPS Paper*

SUMMARY OF NTU LIBRARY ORGANIZATION (Jun 2014)




University Librarian
E-Resource & Budget
Plan & contract e-resource access and coordinate library budget & finance
Facilities Planning Division
Plan & implement library building projects , space and facilities
Human Resources
Coordinate recruitment, deployment, performance appraisal & training of staff
Quality Assurance
Develop and coordinate quality assurance framework and service assessments
Stream-line technical services
- Physical
- Electronic
Library Technology Group
Coordinate & maintain systems , network, IT infrastructure and technology to enable information access
Acquisitions & Collection Mgt Group
Plan, procure , obtain & manage external information resources for research, teaching
Central Services Group
Provide users with services to utilize library resources , promote their use &
LIBRARIES
Provide direct front-end information services to users in the respective disciplines
Art, Media & Design Library
Business Library
Communication & Information Library
Engineering Library
Science Library
Lee Wee Nam Library
HSS Library
Chinese Library
Wang Gung Wu Library [under CHC]
Medical Library (Funded by LKC)
Scholarly Communication Group
Support ar ving, publication, cess, dissemination d recognition of resear work and scholarly activities of NTU community
Expand Scholary comm
- Publishing support & research impact
- Open Access & IR
- Digital Projects
- Copyright & licensing
- Data management

Growth of OAPS Collection



School	Division	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CEE		-	5	5	7	*
HSS	Chinese Studies	-	-	2	3	5
HSS	English	-	1	3	8	*
HSS	Linguistics & Multilingual Studies	-	-	8	11	*
HSS	Sociology	-	-	6	5	*
WKWSCI		6	6	5	5	6

*Coming soon

CEE: School of Civil & Environmental Engineering
HSS: School of Humanities & Social Sciences
WKWSCI: Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information

URECA Papers for OAPS Collection

1. Papers from highly selected undergraduate research programme

Agreement with Director of URECA (Undergraduate Research Experience on CAmpus) Programme to have a selection of top papers deposited in DR-NTU (Open Access) – URECA Collection from 2014 onwards. These papers will be then showcased in the NTU's OAPS webpage.

2. The Workflow

In the plan, supervisors will review and identify suitable papers, as part of a online submission process, according to these agreed criteria:

- The research paper follows methodologies that are acceptable to scholarly practice in the respective disciplines;
- The paper is written clearly and coherently and in accordance with the prescribed format of an acceptable style manual;
- It is written with academic honesty and integrity, i.e. it is free from plagiarized content as far as it can be ascertained;
- The paper has contributed to knowledge creation or advancement.

The IT team is currently working to incorporate the selection functionality into the online submission workflow for URECA papers. It is expected to be ready for the June 2014 submissions.

Feedback on Checklist for Submission of OAPS Paper

Subject librarians involved in obtaining OAPS papers were concerned that faculty may be discouraged from nominating papers by having to process the Checklist.

Counter-proposal:

- A simplified **Nomination Form** to be used instead.
- It will contains all the essential points from the Checklist.
- Combining practicality and ease of use, while fulfilling the rigour of selection.

- Part 1 of **Nomination Form** will be emailed by Subject Librarians to the Schools for their input.
- Subject Librarians will also help to pre-fill-up some information (e.g. names of nominator or endorser).
- Selection criteria is clearly stated and implicitly agreed when papers are nominated.

Nomination of Student Papers for OAPS Collection
(Part 1)

Nominated by: Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms <Name>
<Designation>

Endorsed by: Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms <Name>
<Designation>

School: <School Name)

Institution: Nanyang Technological University

Date: <Date>

Selection Criteria:

- *These papers are among the best in the cohort of the year in the department/school.*
- *These papers follow methodologies that are acceptable to scholarly practice in the respective disciplines.*
- *These papers are written clearly and coherently and in accordance with the prescribed format of an acceptable style manual.*
- *These papers are written with academic honesty and integrity (i.e. it is free from plagiarized content as far as it can be ascertained).*
- *These papers have contributed to knowledge creation or advancement.*

Details of Papers

No.	Title of Paper(s)	Student Name(s)	Year	Written to Fulfil

- Part 2 of **Nomination Form** is for Library's internal process
- Will be completed by Subject Librarians, then by OAPS Coordinator.
- Fulfils the rigour of selection without imposing extra work for schools.
- Positive impact on the nomination rate.
- To be implemented for collection of 2014 OAPS papers.

Nomination of Student Papers for OAPS Collection
(Part 2)

To be completed by Subject Librarian

1. Basic elements of a good academic paper are present. The paper include:
   - a. An abstract ☐
   - b. A review of literature ☐
   - c. A clear statement of thesis ☐
   - d. Discussion of findings ☐
   - e. Conclusion ☐
   - f. References ☐
2. The reference list is properly cited and follows a standard citation style. ☐
3. Sources used in supporting the paper appear to be reliable, stable and verifiable. ☐

To be completed OAPS Coordinator

Name of OAPS Coordinator: <Name>
<Designation>

- The paper is accepted for inclusion in OAPS ☐
- The paper is returned to Nominator for amendments or clarification ☐
- The paper is not accepted for inclusion in OAPS ☐

Date Accepted: _____

Questions?

Thank you

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