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**Presentation of Digital Scholarship@UNLV – Marianne Buehler**
- UNLV institutional repository that captures, preserves, and shares the intellectual output of UNLV faculty, staff, and students using an open access publishing model.
- Open access allows users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, and/or link research materials and use them for any lawful purpose.
- Increase accessibility, promote, and create opportunities for education, collaboration, and career advancement.
- Benefits:
  - Centralized location for research and intellectual activities
  - Recruiting tool
  - Increase visibility of UNLV scholarships to stakeholders
  - Expand community and global reach
  - Support research collaboration
  - Long term access
  - Reduces department/college effort providing mechanisms for material submission.
  - Exposes research/outputs through most common used web search such google.
  - Provide service to all faculty to ensure compliance with federal regulations.
- Contents includes: Journal articles, books/chapters, graduate theses and dissertations, professional papers, research reports, technical reports, presentations, patents, other documents.
- Discussion about security, copyright, and legal issues.
- Committee made recommendations to invite Marianne Buehler to make a presentation to faculty of individual academic departments.

**Faculty Search Update – Rama Venkat**
- Faculty searches were concluded: two Faculty - Higher Impact Hire, and three regular academic faculty (including NStec).

**Office for Emeritus Professors plus what else – Rama Venkat**
- Hal Berghel is moving to TBE B378A. Berghel’s office (TBE A-214) will be vacant shortly.
- Recommendation to convert TBE A-214 in the Emeritus Professors Office will be evaluated. The new office will accommodate 3-4 desks and 2-3 telephones.
- Proposal to have Tutoring Lab under OIT responsibility require moving Multicultural Engineering from tutoring space to TBE B-108. Dean Venkat will discuss MEP moving with Raul Flores (Board President).

**Singapore 2+2 Plan – Rama Venkat**
- Dean Venkat and Peter Stubberud will attend the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee meeting to discuss the Singapore engineering academic program 2+2 plan.
- Pilot program with 50 students is expected to begin in 2013.
- UNLV Vice President for Finances and Business is estimating $24K in start-up for faculty ads, marketing materials, travel, events and hosting for FY2013. Proposal to split start-up cost between UNLV Singapore and College of Engineering (12K/12K) will be evaluated.

**Brazil Science without Borders Students – Rama Venkat**
- Between 15-20 Brazilian students have signed for Fall 2012.

**New Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs – Rama Venkat**
- The Associate Dean Screening Committee is working on the selection of the new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs.
- The following faculty are applying for the Associate Dean position: Nader Ghafoori, Samir Moujaes, and Georg Mauer.