Sustaining Open Access Journals

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A brief history:

• Launched in 2002
• Two-fold mission:
  Forum for research on lesser-studied/endangered languages;
  Access to content to a wide-range of linguists
• Several sections (chose not to do some things)
What made the journal possible?

- Support from the Dean of Libraries

- Strong commitment from Dartmouth

  Human resources, funding, archiving

- Significant effort on the part of the editors
How has Linguistic Discovery fared?

Pros:
- Volume 10.3 published in October
- Acceptance rate under 30%
- Submissions from every continent
- Emergence of several special issues

Cons:
- Student labor has been uneven
- Some of the initial ideas haven’t taken off
- Few quality submissions from some regions
Is Linguistic Discovery sustainable?

- Editorial succession
- Technical/Administrative support
- Visibility/advertising