



CSUF Faculty Senate Library Committee
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPEN ACCESS FOR FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Whereas Open Access refers to free, online public access to scholarly and scientific works in open access journals and university repositories; and

Whereas Open access publishing and archiving is central to the long-term viability of the dissemination of scholarship; and

Whereas Freely accessible scholarship benefits the academy and society at large; and

Whereas Open access increases networking among scholars and the likelihood of CSUF faculty research being easily discoverable for citation by others; and

Whereas Open access increases access to publications for the CSUF community, given sharply rising costs for online journals and databases; and

Whereas Open access fulfills federal grant mandates for research dissemination; and

Whereas Open access contributes to global information sharing, by making materials available to scholars in developing countries who do not have access to expensive databases; and

Whereas Open access showcases CSUF scholarship and thus enhances the university's reputation; Therefore be it

Resolved that the University Library Committee work in collaboration with the Pollak Library to develop a CSUF Open Access Policy.

Background: *Open access resolutions and policies for faculty are currently in place at more than 79 American universities, including a recently approved mandatory (opt-out) policy for the entire UC system (see the registry of these at <http://roarmap.eprints.org>). These resolutions and policies focus on faculty publications that do not bring in revenue for faculty; for instance, faculty-authored books that are sold for a profit would not be covered by an open-access policy. The resolution above reflects a **voluntary (opt-in) approach**; no faculty member would be required to submit their work to the CSUF Digital Institutional Repository.*