

Resolution In Support Of Open Access For Faculty Publications

Background: Open access refers to free, online public access to scholarly and scientific works. Open access is independent of journal editorial and peer review policies. Open access articles may be available via a university repository; some journals also make articles openly accessible. For journals that are not open access, authors can often negotiate with publishers to retain a non-exclusive license to archive articles in an institutional open access repository. CSUSM ScholarWorks is our open access institutional repository. CSUSM Library faculty and staff have expertise negotiating with publishers and have developed mechanisms for faculty to contribute publications to the ScholarWorks open access repository. Many resources are available in the Library's [Scholarly Communication research guide](#)¹. Resolutions and policies in support of open access to faculty publications are currently in place at many universities. This resolution is modeled on a recent CSUSN resolution. The UC Academic Senate recently passed a mandatory (opt-out) open access policy for the UC system.

WHEREAS:

1. Open access publishing and archiving is central to the long-term viability of the dissemination of scholarship; and
2. Freely accessible scholarship benefits the academy and society at large; and
3. Open access increases networking among scholars and the likelihood of CSUSM faculty research being easily discoverable and cited by others; and
4. Open access fulfills federal grant mandates for research dissemination; and
5. Open access contributes to global information sharing, including for scholars in developing countries who do not have access to expensive databases; and
6. A campus-wide open access resolution would provide CSUSM faculty with leverage to negotiate more favorable copyright terms with publishers; and
7. Open access showcases CSUSM scholarship and thus enhances the university's reputation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of CSUSM strongly encourages CSUSM faculty members to:

1. publish in journals that allow open access archiving, or negotiate to retain rights to their work; and
2. submit an electronic copy of the author's final version of each article (hereafter, "journal article") to ScholarWorks as soon as possible after acceptance for publication; and
3. grant CSUSM a non-exclusive license to archive journal articles in ScholarWorks, unless prevented by incompatible licensing; and
4. grant CSUSM the right to migrate selected faculty publications to updated media or formats for digital preservation purposes.

¹ <http://biblio.csusm.edu/guides/subject-guide/195-Scholarly-Communication?tab=2601>