Faculty Senate Open Access Policy

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The Problem

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

university $(taxpayer \$, tuition \$, etc.)

grant $+

pay faculty to do research & report on results in articles

faculty give away articles & copyright to publishers for (and other researchers peer review for free)

& publishers rake in all the (and it is BIG)

31.7% 30.6%

Elsevier's profit margin exceeded Google's!

... and many students, researchers, and others still can't get the articles they need & libraries cannot afford many journals.
Faculty OA Policies

Two goals:

• Ensure faculty retain rights to their work
• Share faculty research with the world
Faculty OA Policies

Adopted by:

- University of California System
- University of Virginia
- University of North Carolina, CH
- North Carolina State University
- University of Illinois, UC
- Penn State University
- University of Washington
- Rutgers University
- University of Delaware
- University of Kansas
- University of Oregon
- University of Florida
- Harvard University
- Princeton University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- California Institute of Technology
- Stanford School of Education

(And many more, see full list here)
Advantages:

• Share your work internationally
• Make your work more discoverable
• Generate more citations
• Comply with research funder policies

All with minimal effort on your part!
Proposed OA Policy

Under the policy:

- Faculty grant FSU permission to make versions of their scholarly journal articles available in DigiNole: FSU’s Research Repository
  - Applies only to journal articles
- Faculty submit accepted versions of article manuscripts to DigiNole or by email to Library staff
- Based on Harvard’s Model OA Policy
Proposed OA Policy

Caveats:

- Faculty retain the copyright in their work, granting only limited, non-exclusive rights to the university.
- Waiver option ensures that faculty can publish with the ~20% of journals that have inconsistent policies.
- Library staff will submit articles on behalf of faculty, or harvest articles from other OA repositories like PubMed when possible.
- Three-year review and report by Library Committee.
Proposed OA Policy

Benefits:

• Creates a safe harbor for faculty copyrights in scholarly journal articles

• Ensures that faculty articles are publicly accessible, increasing their visibility and generating more citations

• Brings FSU in line with peer & prestige institutions that have adopted OA policies

• Simplifies compliance with funding agency public access policies
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http://diginole.lib.fsu.edu/repository
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Next steps:

• Questions?

• Discuss with your colleagues

Contact Devin Soper with questions, concerns, or invitations to speak with your colleagues!

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