

**Open Access Policy:**

**A Model of Action for Faculty Choice**

**\*\*FIRST READING – FACULTY SENATE\*\***

*Whereas* the faculty of Southern Illinois University Carbondale are committed to widening the dissemination of its scholarship and research while simultaneously maintaining its high quality;

*Whereas* Open Access publishing of journal articles shows potential to decrease budgetary pressures on library acquisitions and to increase the availability and access to research and scholarship, especially when such models are adopted by a large number of universities;

*Whereas* Open Access publishing also promises to facilitate interdisciplinary inquiry and increase citation rates for faculty scholarship and research in certain areas of specialization, particularly those without a centralized and reliable article indexing service;

*Whereas* Open Access also provides a platform for publicizing university research and making it freely available to the public thereby creating a useful public relations tool for the University and serve as an example of faculty contribution to social needs, community issues, and local culture;

*Therefore* be it resolved that the Graduate Council and Faculty Senate jointly calls on all faculty members to grant SIUC permission to make his or her scholarly journal articles openly accessible in OpenSIUC. In legal terms, such permission shall be an irrevocable, nonexclusive, paid-up worldwide license to exercise all rights under copyright for purpose of making the scholarly articles openly accessible provided that the articles are not sold for income or profit. This license shall in no way interfere with the rights of the faculty author as the copyright holder of the work and shall incorporate exceptions as may be required due to intractable publisher requirements, permission/usage rights restrictions or cost, or other issues as may occur.

*Therefore* be it also resolved that the Graduate Council and Faculty Senate jointly directs the Library to develop the language for such a license incorporating these principles and to survey and solicit all faculty members for permission.

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**A Statement of Support**

The faculty of Southern Illinois University Carbondale are committed to the widest possible dissemination of their scholarly research and intellectual output. Access to such research is essential to all members of the academic community. This principle is not always in harmony with the business practices of journal publishers, which increasingly constrain the ability of libraries to provide access to the scholarly literature. Further, publication typically requires the assignment of copyright to the publisher. By assuming all rights, including sole distribution rights, publishers gain a monopoly over the published results of researchers and scholars. Faculty, staff, students, and university administrators must assume more responsibility for the scholarly communication system.

Therefore, the Graduate Council calls on all faculty, staff, and students of Southern Illinois University Carbondale to become familiar with the pricing and business practices of journals and journal publishers in their specialty. It further calls on faculty to consider these practices when submitting articles for publication, or participating in journal editorial activities.

The Graduate Council also recommends that all authors familiarize themselves with the terms regarding copyright and distribution rights in any publication agreement they sign, and to request a non-exclusive distribution right for themselves when such rights are not already specifically granted in the agreement. This distribution right should include the right to post a version of the article in an institutional repository.

Finally, the Graduate Council calls upon all faculty to post their articles in OpenSIUC, whenever possible. OpenSIUC is SIUC's institutional repository, and provides the means to distribute scholarly research beyond the abilities or practices of most publishers.

**Definition of an Open Access Contribution**  
from the

**Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge  
in the Sciences and Humanities<sup>i</sup>**

Establishing open access as a worthwhile procedure ideally requires the active commitment of each and every individual producer of scientific knowledge and holder of cultural heritage. Open access contributions include original scientific research results, raw data and metadata, source materials, digital representations of pictorial and graphical materials and scholarly multimedia material.

Open access contributions must satisfy two conditions:

1. The author(s) and right holder(s) of such contributions grant(s) to all users a free, irrevocable, worldwide, right of access to, and a license to copy, use, distribute, transmit and display the work publicly and to make and distribute derivative works, in any digital medium for any responsible purpose, subject to proper attribution of authorship (community standards, will continue to provide the mechanism for enforcement of proper attribution and responsible use of the published work, as they do now), as well as the right to make small numbers of printed copies for their personal use.
2. A complete version of the work and all supplemental materials, including a copy of the permission as stated above, in an appropriate standard electronic format is deposited (and thus published) in at least one online repository using suitable technical standards (such as the Open Archive definitions) that is supported and maintained by an academic institution, scholarly society, government agency, or other well established organization that seeks to enable open access, unrestricted distribution, inter operability, and long-term archiving.

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<sup>i</sup> Available at: [http://oa.mpg.de/openaccess-berlin/berlin\\_declaration.pdf](http://oa.mpg.de/openaccess-berlin/berlin_declaration.pdf)