

RESOLUTION

Open Access Policy

Rutgers University Senate

Whereas, Rutgers University advocates open scholarship for the purposes of study and dialogue; and

Whereas, the Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee of the Rutgers University Senate had been charged by the Senate Executive Committee to: “Examine the possibility of a Rutgers-specific, centrally-driven publication repository for published papers and books. Provide data about similar services at peer and aspirant universities. Respond to Senate Executive Committee by October 2012”; and

Whereas, the Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee of the Rutgers University Senate, as well as the University Senate itself, have considered the issue of open access, and have adopted a report on this matter;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that, in keeping with the report so adopted, the Rutgers University Senate recommends that Rutgers’ administration:

1. adopt the Rutgers Open Access Policy found in Appendix I
2. charge the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs with establishing an Open Access Policy Implementation Working Group, representing all campuses and constituencies, to develop an implementation plan to
 - a. address administrative governance
 - b. establish means to ensure compliance
 - c. ensure infrastructure and resources of RUcore, the Rutgers institutional repository, are sufficient to support increased deposits of research output
 - d. foster further development of the repository
 - e. create a network of research support office staff to answer faculty and scholars’ questions on Open Access
 - f. investigate options for establishing author funds to facilitate Open Access journal publication [for example, HOPE Fund (<http://osc.hul.harvard.edu/hope>) and COPE (<http://www.oacompat.org/compact>)]
 - g. register the policy in the Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies (ROARMAP) <http://roarmap.eprints.org>
 - h. formally join institutional peers in the Open Access movement through affiliation with COAPI (Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions), BOAI (Budapest Open Access Initiative), and others
 - i. develop programs to educate the Rutgers community in the broader issues of open access and scholarly communication