

**Resolution on Scholarly Journal Publication and Threats to Scholarly Communication
(#21-03/04-EX)**

Goal of Resolution—1) increase awareness of the impact of the current model of scholarly journal publication, and its resulting inflation, on the Library’s ability to support the university curriculum and faculty scholarship; and 2) list actions that faculty can take to influence the scholarly journal publication process.

Background—See “Scholarly Communications” (University of Washington Libraries) (<http://www.lib.washington.edu/scholcomm/faculty.html>) and “Issues in Scholarly Communication” (Association of Research Libraries) (<http://www.arl.org/scomm/faculty.html>)

The Resolution

- Whereas Access to scholarly journal literature is vital to all members of the academic community, and
- Whereas The HSU Library, and libraries in general, play a key role in: 1) fostering open access to information for scholarship and research and 2) safeguarding the right to open access to information in the belief that an informed citizenry is better empowered to participate in a democratic society and to contribute to its social, technological and economic systems, and
- Whereas Scholarly information is frequently created at the expense of the public and/or academic institutions, and
- Whereas The growing commercialization of scholarly journal publication, especially in the sciences and social sciences, has resulted in much higher subscription rates on a per page basis, and
- Whereas Journal prices have increased at a rate three times greater than the Consumer Price Index during the fifteen-year period from 1986 to 2002. (“Association of Research Libraries Statistics”--
<http://www.arl.org/stats/arlstat/graphs/2002/2002t2.html>), and
- Whereas The scholarly communication process becomes disrupted as the HSU Library, and libraries in general, provide access to an increasingly smaller part of the scholarly journal literature and the academic community is no longer exposed to key literature in a timely manner, be it therefore
- Resolved that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that HSU librarians should provide faculty with information on journal prices and current trends in scholarly journal publication in their discipline, and be it further,
- Resolved that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the Faculty should submit papers to quality journals that have reasonable pricing and publishing practices, and be it further

- Resolved that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the Faculty should refuse to review for or to serve on editorial boards of unreasonably expensive journals, and be it further
- Resolved that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the Faculty should strive to retain alternative publication and distribution rights to their papers, rather than assigning over copyright to journal publishers. To assist in this task the CSU should develop a model license document (Example: Model "Authorization to Publish" Form--
<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/scc/copyright/trln.html#form>), and be it further
- Resolved that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the Faculty should support the initiatives of newer lower cost and open access models of scholarly publication, such as those affiliated with the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) (<http://www.arl.org/sparc/home/index.asp?>) and the *Washington DC Principles for Free Access to Science* (<http://www.dcpinciples.org/>), and be it further
- Resolved that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends in retention, tenure and promotion actions, publication in peer-reviewed journals should be given equal weight, rather than establishing the relative importance of individual journals, and be it further
- Resolved that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that CSU Statewide Academic Senate should be encouraged to pass a similar resolution.
- Resolved that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University forward this resolution to the President of Humboldt State University, the Chancellor of the California State University, and the Statewide and Campus Academic Senates.

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