

Cornell University Assembly

UA Resolution # 10 Investigating an Open Access Policy for Cornell

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3 **Whereas**, it is in the mission of Cornell to “preserve and disseminate knowledge,” [i] and the
4 widest dissemination of knowledge benefits not only individual scholars and their discipline, but
5 also the people of New York and the world,
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7 **Whereas**, the Faculty Senate has passed resolutions urging “faculty to deposit preprint or
8 postprint copies of articles in an open access repository” [ii] and supporting “alternatives to
9 commercial venues for scholarly communication” [iii],
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11 **Whereas**, the Cornell University Library is actively engaged in encouraging open access to
12 scholarly work by means of the Library’s open-source publishing platform [iv] and a pilot fund
13 [v] designated by the Library and the Office of the Provost to pay the fees to publish in open-
14 access journals in the absence of other funding sources,
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16 **Whereas**, the Library has established eCommons [vi] as a institutional repository for the
17 University’s digital works, maintains specialized repositories for the Schools of Law, ILR, and
18 Hotel [vii], and owns and operates arXiv.org [viii], home to over 900,000 electronic pre-prints in
19 physics, mathematics, computer science, quantitative biology, quantitative finance and statistics,
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21 **Whereas**, many universities [ix], states [x], non-profit [xi] and federal funding agencies [xii],
22 and corporations [xiii] have adopted open access publishing policies,
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24 **Whereas**, the Library and the Library Board support increasing access to scholarly work at
25 Cornell where feasible,
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27 **Be it therefore resolved**, a committee will be established to investigate the feasibility of and
28 campus support for implementing an open access policy (included in the resolution’s appendix)
29 wherein each faculty member grants to Cornell permission to make available her or his scholarly
30 articles and to exercise the copyright in those articles,
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32 **Resolved**, that this committee will at a minimum consist of one representative from each of the
33 following: the University Assembly, the University Faculty Library Board, the University
34 Library, the Faculty Senate, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, the Cornell
35 Undergraduate Research Board, and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research. Any other
36 member of the Cornell campus community (student, staff, faculty) may also be part of this
37 committee,
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39 **Resolved**, that this committee will consider items such as but not limited to: how an open access
40 policy would benefit the Cornell community including its students, alumni, faculty/staff, and
41 different departments, colleges, and disciplines; how an open access publishing policy can be

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42 interfaced with data sharing plans (mandated for National Science Foundation funded work)
43 [xiv] for greater functionality of both the published work and the corresponding data; how as the
44 land grant institution of New York, such a policy could allow Cornell to contribute to the
45 implementation of open access policies proposed [x] for research funded by New York State;
46 how the Cornell community would benefit from such a policy in light of proposed open access
47 policies from federal funding agencies; the short and long term savings and costs associated with
48 implementing an open access policy (e.g., personnel, hardware, journal subscription fees); how
49 to streamline the deposition of works into an open access repository owned and operated by
50 Cornell; how to implement such a policy such as by a phased rollout by college or department;
51 and how to streamline opt-out waivers from such a policy; and how to inform publishers of such
52 a policy,
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54 **Resolved**, that this task force will report its findings to the University Assembly and Faculty
55 Senate no later than the November meeting of these bodies in the Fall 2014 semester.
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57 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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59 David Bunck
60 Executive Vice Chair, University Assembly
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