

**CSUN Faculty Senate Library Committee**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPEN ACCESS**  
**FOR FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

*Note: Open access refers to free, online public access to scholarly and scientific works in open access journals and university repositories. [CSUN ScholarWorks](#) is our open access institutional repository. Open access resolutions and policies for faculty are currently in place at more than 175 American universities, including a recently approved mandatory (opt-out) policy for the entire UC system. The draft resolution below reflects a **voluntary (opt-in) approach**; no faculty member would be required to submit their work to CSUN ScholarWorks.*

**WHEREAS:**

1. Open access publishing and archiving is central to the long-term viability of the dissemination of scholarship; and
2. Freely accessible scholarship benefits the academy and society at large; and
3. Open access increases networking among scholars and the likelihood of CSUN faculty research being easily discoverable and cited by others; and
4. Open access increases access to publications for the CSUN community, given sharply rising costs for online journals and databases; and
5. Open access fulfills federal grant mandates for research dissemination; and
6. Open access contributes to global information sharing, including for scholars in developing countries who do not have access to expensive databases; and
7. A campus-wide open access initiative would provide CSUN faculty with leverage to negotiate more favorable copyright terms with publishers;
8. CSUN Library staff are prepared to negotiate with publishers and facilitate deposit of faculty publications in the ScholarWorks open access repository, with minimal time investment by faculty; and
9. Open access showcases CSUN scholarship and thus enhances the university's reputation;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate strongly encourage CSUN faculty members to:

1. publish in journals that are open access or allow open access archiving;
2. submit journal articles to *ScholarWorks* as soon as possible after acceptance for publication;
3. grant CSUN a non-exclusive license to archive selected previously published journal articles in *ScholarWorks*; and
4. grant CSUN the right to migrate selected faculty publications to updated media or formats for digital preservation purposes.

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