RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPEN ACCESS

FOR CSU FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

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Note: Open access refers to free, online public access to scholarly and scientific works in open access journals (gold open access) and university repositories (green open access). All CSU campuses have open access institutional repositories. Open access resolutions and policies for faculty are currently in place at more than 200 American universities, including a mandatory (opt-out) policy for the entire UC system, as well as resolutions at a small number of CSU campuses. The resolution below reflects the Council of Library Deans’ (COLD) support of both green open access and gold open access.

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 CSU faculty research being easily discoverable and cited by others; and
4. Open access increases access to high quality, peer reviewed publications for the CSU academic 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 system-wide open access initiative would provide CSU faculty with leverage to negotiate more favorable copyright terms with publishers; and
8. Open access showcases CSU scholarship and thus enhances the scholarly and scientific reputations of each campus;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Council of Library Deans (COLD) strongly support CSU faculty members in their endeavors to:

1. Publish in journals that are open access or allow open access archiving; and
2. Deposit published journal articles in an open access repository as soon as possible after acceptance for publication; and
3. Acknowledge the value of open access publications in tenure and promotion standards.