


January 4, 2015

To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Chikako Takeshita, Vice Chair   
Committee on Library, Information Technology and Scholarly Communication

Re: Proposed new UC policy on Open Access

The Committee on Library, Information Technology and Scholarly Communication reviewed the proposed new UC policy on Open Access. Most of the committee's concerns about the proposal pertained to students and post-docs.

The committee was concerned with the responsibility of an embargo being placed on the author – will UC take full legal responsibility if a non-senate member (who may have moved elsewhere) mistakenly uploads a version that the publisher does not allow?

It is not clear from the proposal what needs to be posted. First, work published while employed at UC but based on research done elsewhere (e.g. a post-doc writing up PhD material). Second, work published after leaving UC but with some (perhaps very small) component of the research initiated while at UC – is there a cut off (1%, 5%, 10%, 50%,...)?

The committee would like clarification on the link between the requirement to post articles and the ownership of copyright. This becomes an issue in FAQ #3 which discusses ownership but does not address depositing work.