



February 20, 2018

TO: Steven Mandeville-Gamble, University Librarian

FROM: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair, Riverside Division

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SUBJECT: Open Access 2020 (OA2020) Initiative

Dear Steve:

I am pleased to forward the full set of Senate committee responses on the OA2020 Proposal.


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November 6, 2017

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Tim Paine, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

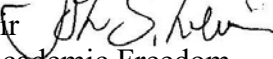
Re: Expression of Interest for Open Access 2020

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the Expression of Interest for Open Access 2020 at their November 3, 2017 meeting and voted to broadly support the motion to sign the expression of interest in principle, but did note significant concern with issues regarding cost assessment and copyright.

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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

December 14, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: John Levin, Chair 
Committee on Academic Freedom

Re: Open Access 2020 Proposal

The Committee on Academic Freedom considered the Open Access 2020 Proposal and is in favor of UCR signing the Expression of Interest in order to participate in the discussions regarding this movement. However, the committee stresses that any potential implementation process should ensure that academic freedom is protected and that discrimination is avoided. For instance, faculty should not be compelled to make a choice of where to publish based on the cost to publish in the journal rather than the quality of the journal.



COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

November 15, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Vyjayanthi Chari, Chair
Committee on Academic Personnel

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Re: Open Access 2020 Proposal (OA2020)

The Committee on Academic Personnel met to consider the Open Access 2020 Proposal. CAP is in favor of UCR signing the Expression of Interest for Open Access 2020. CAP is concerned that open access journals often do not have metrics such as impact factors. CAP feels that it is therefore very important that departments and deans are supportive of faculty publishing in such journals and that appropriate metrics be developed to evaluate such venues as opposed to the more established journals.



November 17, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Amit Roy-Chowdhury, Chair
Committee on Research


RE: Campus Review: [Proposal] Open Access 2020 (OA2020)

The Committee on Research reviewed the Open access 2020 proposal. The committee was overall supportive of the proposal but there was a concern that it could become an extra expense for faculty grants and suggests a more concrete statement be added to ensure it does not happen.



November 14, 2017

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Wee Liang Gan, Chair 
Committee on Courses

Re: Open Access 2020

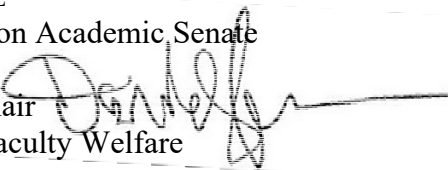
The Committee on Courses reviewed the Open Access 2020 Expression of Interest and were supportive of the document. The Committee noted that an Expression of Interest seems a reasonable step for the campus to undertake even though the details and implications of Open Access have yet to be worked out. The Committee recommends that the System proceed with considerable caution with the implementation of Open Access.

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE

November 15, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Daniel Jeske, Chair
Committee on Faculty Welfare



Re: Open Access 2020 Proposal (OA2020)

The UCR Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) considered the proposal for UCR to sign the Expression of Interest (EoI) for the Open Access 2020 (OA2020) initiative. We interpret from the accompanying cover letter from Leonard Nunney that signature of the EoI would mean that UCR is expressing 'broad support' for the initiative. For reasons discussed below, FWC falls short of expressing 'broad support' for the initiative. However, during the formative stage of detailing how OA2020 might work, we do feel it is important for UCR to have a seat at the table. We therefore offer qualified support for signing the EoI. Our reasons for qualified support of the EoI include:

1. Concern with the specific details of how the cost of publishing will be worked out. FWC speculates that these costs, or at least some portion of them, will be passed on to the authors and finds this prospect concerning.
2. It was noted in our discussion that currently there is tremendous variability in the cost of publishing in open access journals, ranging from zero dollars to thousands of dollars. Would a proposed subsidy plan for publishing in open access journals result in faculty choosing journals they 'could afford' to publish in rather than choosing based upon where the work would have the biggest impact?
3. We discussed a concern that widespread open access publishing framework might adversely impact professional societies who rely on journal subscription revenues to function. A likely consequence might be higher membership fees imposed upon faculty members.
4. Finally, FWC noted that quality of open access journals varies considerably. A naive, yet real, view held by some members of academia is that they are 'pay to publish' venues. FWC notes the challenge of overcoming this bias. Especially while both the open access and traditional publishing models co-exist, merit and promotion processes will need to consciously work toward eliminating stereotypes concerning the choice of publishing outlets, and truly focus on the quality of the research in the paper.



Graduate Council

November 16, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Christiane Weirauch, Chair
Graduate Council

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Re: Open Access 2020


The Graduate Council reviewed the Open Access 2020 proposal at their November 16, 2017 meeting. The committee had no concerns and approved the proposal.



PLANNING & BUDGET

November 14, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Christian Shelton, Chair 
Committee on Planning and Budget

RE: Open Access 2020 Proposal

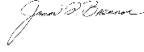
Planning & Budget (P&B) is in support of the principle of Open Access and feels that it has the potential to alleviate cost burdens currently born by Universities. P&B also feels it is important that UCR is part of discussions to make this happen.

This document does not make clear what open access principles are being proposed or what the goals of the proposal are. Nor does it take into account transition costs. There are not enough details on the cost considerations, how they would be funded, or a discussion of what the relevant questions are at this stage. Discipline specific differences are ignored in the proposal but are important to framing solutions. Future impacts on publishing and current sectors are not discussed.



November 14, 2017

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: James Brennan, Chair 
Committee on University Extension

Re: Open Access 2020

The Committee on University Extension reviewed the Open Access 2020 proposal and did not note any concerns regarding the Committee's purview of University Extension. However, as the Committee does not speak on behalf of University Extension, the Committee recommends that this proposal also be reviewed by the Dean of University Extension.

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December 07, 2017

TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Kate Sweeny, Chair
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Proposal Open Access 2020

The CHASS Executive Committee discussed the Proposal Open Access 2020 at the regular meeting on November 29, 2017. The committee is supportive of open access in spirit. However, the committee also expressed significant concerns about the practicalities involved in achieving this goal.

Kate Sweeny, Chair
CHASS Executive Committee



December 14, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Ward Beyermann, Chair, Executive Committee
College of Natural and Agricultural Science

Re: Campus Review: Open Access 2020

The committee discussed this at its November 14, 2017 meeting. The committee members shared their knowledge on Open Access and expressed concerns particularly on the financial implications of its implementation. Regarding this particular document, we felt it was vague and unclear. More information, especially on the financial viability is needed before we can accurately assess the merits of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ward Beyermann".

Ward Beyermann, Chair
CNAS Executive Committee