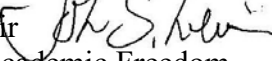


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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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

From: John Levin, Chair 
Committee on Academic Freedom

Re: Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations

The Committee on Academic Freedom considered the Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations and did not find any academic freedom issues. However, the committee noted that the following answer found in the FAQ section of the material is vague and could present a problem in the future. The committee recommends that the description be changed to a precise and accurate answer.

Will journal or book publishers consider publishing my thesis/dissertation if it is already available in an open access repository, like eScholarship?

Yes. Though the policies and practices of publishers vary (especially depending on the discipline), generally speaking, scholarly publishers do not bar publication of articles or books that are based on theses or dissertations available in an open access repository, especially if there are substantive differences between the thesis/dissertation and the final work published by the publisher. This is partly because most publishers consider theses and dissertations to be “student works” that will require substantial editing and revision before being published in article or book form.