

SENATE ACTION FORM

No. 985

Subject: Open Access Resolution

Reference to Senate Minutes Dated: September 27, 2010

Senate Action:

MOTION: The University Libraries moves that the Faculty Senate endorse the Open Access Resolution as presented.

VOTE: The Faculty Senate voted unanimously in favor of adopting the Open Access Resolution as outlined by the University Libraries. (See attachment)

Response Requested:

Approval of Action Implementation Date: ASAP

Place in University Regulations

Place in Board Policy Manual (requires Board approval)

X Sent as Information Item (No Acknowledgment Required)

Other Action Requested/Comments:

Faculty Senate Chair Date
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Administrative Response to Senate Action

Approved Implementation Date:

Rejected

Returned to Senate for Discussion/Modification

Forward to Trustees Board Approved Date:

Other/Comments (Explain - Please use back if more space is needed:

President/Designated Administrative Officer

Date

FORWARDED:
To V.P.
on to submit to the Board
To BOT Recording Secretary
on for placement
Note

Attachment to Senate Action Form #985

Approved by the Faculty Senate

September 27, 2010

Open Access Resolution

WHEREAS, we, the Faculty Senate of the University of Northern Colorado (UNC), recognize the value of disseminating faculty scholarship as broadly as possible, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that open access models exist within scholarly publishing and are consistent with standards for peer review and scholarly excellence, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that open access models foster principles of academic freedom and believe that universities should not limit the ability of faculty to submit their work to the publishers of their choice, and

WHEREAS, increased access and visibility of scholarship serve UNC faculty members' interests by promoting greater reach and impact, and

WHEREAS, the University's and faculty members' status and reputation are enhanced when the scholarship is easily discoverable and accessible, and

WHEREAS, broad dissemination of knowledge benefits the scholarly community and the general public,

THEREFORE, we resolve the following:

1. To encourage faculty to consider carefully the benefits of seeking out, whenever feasible, open access journals that maintain rigorous peer review standards of scholarly excellence and publish online at no cost to users worldwide; and

2. To encourage the deposit of faculty journal articles in our institutional repository, Digital UNC, at the earliest possible opportunity in the publication process, and in the format allowable by their publishers.