

Open & Sustainable Scholarly Communication at OSU

UNSUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION HURT LIBRARIES AND SCHOLARS:

- More than 40% of the library's annual expenditures go to maintaining serials subscriptions.
- More content is available open access, yet costs for serials subscriptions continue to rise by 5%-6% every year.
- For-profit publishers use their control of major journals to demand terms and conditions that restrict authors and libraries' rights to share research openly and easily.
- From 2015-2020, OSU researchers paid \$1M in open access fees (APCs) to publish in subscription journals. To access this content, the library pays these journals again.
- Publishers' pricing models for APCs are neither transparent nor equitable.
- For-profit publishers are rebranding as data analytics companies, and actively working to control the infrastructure of research, beyond publications.

WHAT CAN THE FACULTY SENATE DO?

- The Open and Sustainable Scholarly Communication committee represents faculty from the libraries and the colleges who are working together to develop a set of strong negotiating principles to guide and support librarians in their negotiations with publishers and vendors.
- The OSSC is asking the Faculty Senate to:
 - Discuss these principles with us during the March meeting
 - Take this discussion back to departments and units in March and April.
 - Vote for a resolution endorsing the final version of these principles in the May meeting.

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If you are interested in having us present and discuss these issues and principles with your unit, please reach out to us via email at OpenScholComm@oregonstate.edu.

OSU Principles Guiding Publisher Negotiations

AUTHORIZED USERS

Authorized users include all current students, faculty and staff of Oregon State University. As a public, land grant institution with a broad mandate to serve the State of Oregon, “authorized users” also include any other library users accessing OSU’s collections onsite. Authorized users should be defined by their affiliation with the University regardless of their geographic location or campus.

OPEN ACCESS

No author will be required to waive any institutional or funder open access policy to publish in any of the publisher’s journals. If the publisher has the ability to do so, they will directly deposit scholarly articles into Oregon State University’s ScholarsArchive@OSU repository immediately upon publication. If they do not have the ability to directly deposit articles, they will provide tools or mechanisms that facilitate immediate deposit.

AUTHOR’S RIGHTS

OSU authors will not be required to relinquish copyright, but will instead be provided with options that enable publication while also providing authors with generous reuse rights. OSU authors will retain the right to use and reuse their own work, without delays or embargoes.

PRESERVATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

Publishers will ensure the long-term digital preservation and accessibility of their content through participation in trusted digital archives. All resources provided by vendors must meet or exceed accessibility standards defined by the Web Accessibility Initiative Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

TRANSPARENCY

OSULP will pay a fair and sustainable price to publishers for value-added services, based on transparent and cost-based pricing models. Publishers will not require non-disclosure agreements, confidentiality clauses, or any other methods that prevent OSULP from sharing information with our colleagues and our stakeholders.

USER DATA

Usage data should be made available on-demand. Usage data should be COUNTER compliant and adhere to the most recent COUNTER Code of Practice. Usage data should be made available on-demand via a web-based portal and accessible via SUSHI.

Confidentiality of user data generated by their use of licensed materials must be maintained. Usage data must not be disclosed or sold to any third party.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Publishers will provide computational access to subscribed content as a standard part of all contracts.

SHARING AND FAIR USE – Publisher licenses must not include clauses that try to limit Fair Use provisions of the United States and international law. Agreements should allow for: the printing, downloading and copying activities that are inherent in scholarly work, linking to resources in course management systems, and scholarly sharing of reasonable amounts of content with third party colleagues. Licenses must allow authorized users to incorporate reasonable portions of licensed content in print and electronic course packs, electronic reserve collections, or other educational materials. OSULP must be able to use electronic resources for the purpose of fulfilling interlibrary loan requests in accordance with the Interlibrary Loan Provision of sections 107 and 108 of the US Copyright Act.

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