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Resolution supporting Open and Sustainable Scholarly Communication at Oregon State University

- WHEREAS the faculty of Oregon State University are committed to producing scholarship with broad and widespread impact, serving the public good. OSU Libraries are committed to providing OSU scholars with access to the information resources they need; and
- WHEREAS for-profit, corporate publishers rebranded as data analytics companies have increasingly consolidated control of academic journal content and seek to control the digital infrastructure that supports scholarly communication at every stage of the research lifecycle; and
- WHEREAS licensing digital content means that libraries no longer have the rights of permanent ownership over the journals they subscribe to. OSU librarians must now negotiate a wide range of terms and conditions in publisher contracts in addition to price. These terms and conditions are necessary to protect OSU's rights to use, preserve, analyze and share this content; and
- WHEREAS OSU researchers contribute significant labor and expertise to produce and review content for academic journals, usually without compensation from publishers. To provide access to this content, OSU Libraries then pays subscription fees that do not reflect the value of OSU's contributions to scholarly publishing, but which far exceed the actual value added by publishers; and
- WHEREAS on top of these subscription costs, these publishers require OSU authors who want (or are required) to publish open access to pay article processing charges (APCs). APCs vary widely from journal to journal, do not reflect the actual cost of producing articles, and are higher in fields supported by significant public funding and in more selective journals; and
- WHEREAS the current scholarly publishing model is not sustainable for libraries or for researchers. Prices rise annually, despite the growing amount of open-access content available. It seals research behind paywalls, exploits unpaid contributions from universities and scholars, and places intolerable pressures on library budgets.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

On behalf of the Faculty at Oregon State University, the OSU Faculty Senate endorses the [Principles Guiding Negotiations with Journal Vendors at Oregon State University](#) and supports the OSU Libraries in its commitment to ensuring sustainable and affordable access to scholarly communication.