



November 30, 2020

Dear Members of the University Senate,

I am pleased to accept the following action passed by the University Senate on October 7, 2020:

- US 19/20-16: Resolution to Adopt an Open Access Scholarship Policy.

I am grateful to the University Senate's Subcommittee on Open Access (SSOA), David Condon (chair of the SSOA), Margaret Sereno (chair of the University Library Committee), and Mark Watson (interim dean of the Libraries) for their work as outlined in the [Open Access White Paper](#). I support the SSOA's efforts to determine the role that "open access plays in research and the dissemination of scholarly resources and works at the UO." I look forward to learning more about the subcommittee's ongoing work this academic year to draft the proposed policy, including the components for consideration as outlined in the [executive summary](#):

- Establishing a workflow for faculty to submit a version of their scholarly articles to the institutional repository, Scholars' Bank, and/or discipline-specific green OA outlets;
- Developing a mechanism for adding and tracking publishing fees to grant submissions submitted via Sponsored Project Services;
- Alignment of OA goals in departmental Tenure and Promotion policies; and
- Offering further Open Educational Resources and Open Access incentives for UO researchers.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to our university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Schill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael H. Schill  
President and Professor of Law