

Draft Legislation

Section I

- 1.1. WHEREAS the University Senate has endorsed the development of an Open Access Scholarship Policy in Resolution [US19/20-16](#) by the Senate Subcommittee on Open Access following its report on the role of open access in scholarly work at the University; and
- 1.2. WHEREAS the University of Oregon is a public university dedicated to excellence in research and scholarship; and
- 1.3. WHEREAS some commercial and society publishers employ restrictions that can limit distribution and access to scholarly works; and
- 1.4. WHEREAS the University of Oregon is an advocate in the global movement for open scholarly communication through its many manifestations, including publications, data, educational resources, cultural heritage materials, and other content; and
- 1.5. WHEREAS the Faculty of the University of Oregon has previously affirmed its support by passing Senate Resolutions on Open Access [USoo/o1-5](#), [USo7/o8-17](#), and [USo7/o8-20](#); and
- 1.6. WHEREAS it is a stated purpose of the University of Oregon to generate, disseminate, preserve, and apply knowledge, it is a priority to make research products widely available for the public benefit.

Section II

- 2.1. THEREFORE BE IT MOVED that the University Senate adopts the following Open Access Scholarship Policy:

UO Faculty shall henceforth make a journal-allowed version¹ of their articles openly accessible after publication² following the guidelines³ of each scholarly journal. This may include submission to Scholars' Bank, a discipline specific open access repository, or publication in an open access journal. Library staff will work with faculty to support these efforts.

All works by UO faculty, staff, and students are welcomed for submission to Scholars' Bank⁴ in accordance with guidelines provided by publishers in order to improve access and dissemination.

¹ This may be a preprint or submitted version (before peer review, copyediting, and layout and design), accepted version (after peer review, before layout and design), published version (after peer review, after layout and design)

² If the journal requires an embargo, the embargo will be set within Scholars' Bank at the time of submission and release at the time of expiration.

³ These guidelines may be found documented within the Sherpa Romeo open access policy database <https://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>

⁴ An open access digital repository hosted by the University of Oregon Libraries on the DSpace platform <https://scholarsbank.uoregon.edu/>