Boulder Faculty Assembly Motion to Approve the Campus Open Access Policy
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Whereas Open Access enables global access to research results that can speed the process of scientific discovery, encourage innovation, enrich the educational experience, and stimulate the economy; and

Whereas Open Access provides a mechanism to broadly distribute research results generated at the University of Colorado Boulder; and

Whereas many of our peers have adopted Open Access policies; and

Whereas the BFA (BFA-R-030713, March 7, 2013), UGGS, and the Provost have all endorsed the principles of Open Access; and

Whereas the University Libraries has launched a platform for Open Access to host scholarly work generated at the University; therefore

Be it moved that the BFA approve the following campus Open Access Policy.

University of Colorado Boulder Campus Open Access Policy

In order to allow for broad dissemination of their research, the faculty grant to The Regents of the University of Colorado, a body corporate, on behalf of the University of Colorado Boulder a nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to their scholarly work, as long as the works are properly attributed to the authors and not used for commercial purposes. The nonexclusive nature of this license allows faculty to retain full ownership of the material, including the right to further publish it where they wish.

Faculty shall inform publishers about this policy and that they have granted a pre-existing License. This policy with the University may serve to help negotiate with publishers that require an exclusive right to publish.

Faculty will provide the Libraries with electronic copies of the final version of the author’s peer-reviewed manuscript or published version of their scholarly work in an appropriate format (e.g., PDF). These copies will be made publicly available via the University of Colorado Boulder’s institutional repository. Faculty will affirm the grant of the license described above upon submission of their work.

This policy applies only to scholarly work that is journal articles and conference proceedings authored or co-authored by current faculty after the date of adoption of this policy. Faculty are also encouraged to provide the Libraries with electronic copies of other types of scholarly work as appropriate.

The Dean of the Libraries or the Dean’s designate will waive application of this policy upon written request from faculty for any reason. In cases where a publisher will not allow dissemination of the final version of an article, faculty are encouraged to provide the Libraries with a version (e.g., pre-print or post-print) that can be made openly accessible under the publisher’s policy.

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