OSTP, Public (Open) Access, and CU Boulder

Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee Meeting
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CU Boulder Libraries Guidance

https://www.colorado.edu/libraries/research/open-access/guidance-public-access-federally-funded-research

www.colorado.edu/libraries > Research > Open Access > Guidance for Public Access to Federally Funded Research

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We are committed to supporting CU Boulder researchers to provide public access to research outputs. Please contact us if you have questions or suggestions about how we can better support making your research freely and openly available.

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Key elements of this new guidance

- **Immediate access** to federally funded research articles with no embargo. Previous guidance recommended a 12-month post-publication embargo.

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Guidance for Public Access to Federally Funded Research
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Open Access Resolutions & Policies
Open Access Repositories & Self-Archiving

How the Nelson Memo (2022) differs from the Holdren Memo (2014)

- **Immediate access** to federally funded research articles with no embargo. Previous guidance recommended a 12-month post-publication embargo.
- **Immediate public access to scientific data**. Data was not included in the previous recommendations
- **All U.S. federal agencies** are included in the new guidance. Previous guidance only applied to agencies with annual R&D budgets over $100 million.
- **New provisions for improving scientific research integrity**, such as appropriate metadata, and persistent identifiers, and for reducing inequities in publishing and access amongst underserved populations and early career researchers.

Key Implications: Faculty

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1. Covers peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, editorials, and conference proceedings, and importantly, data
2. Deposit in agency designated repository
3. Learning curve and costs will affect faculty differently
4. Compliance may vary
5. Many more!

Key Implications: Libraries

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1. Increased demand for:
    a. Repository/Archiving services - including for publications and data outputs
    b. Personnel support
    c. Funding
2. Impact on negotiations/renewals

What can we do now?

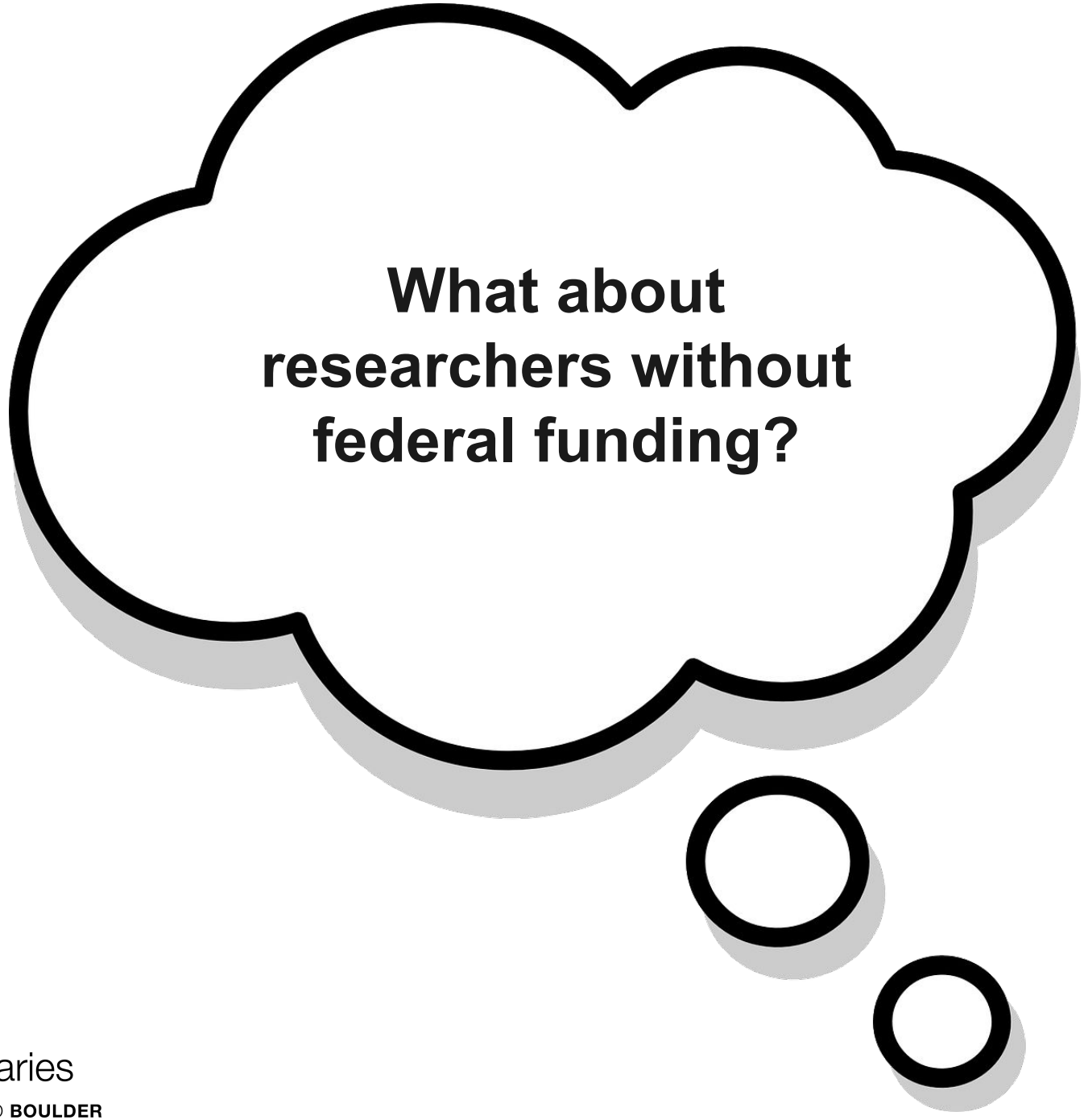
Education and Outreach

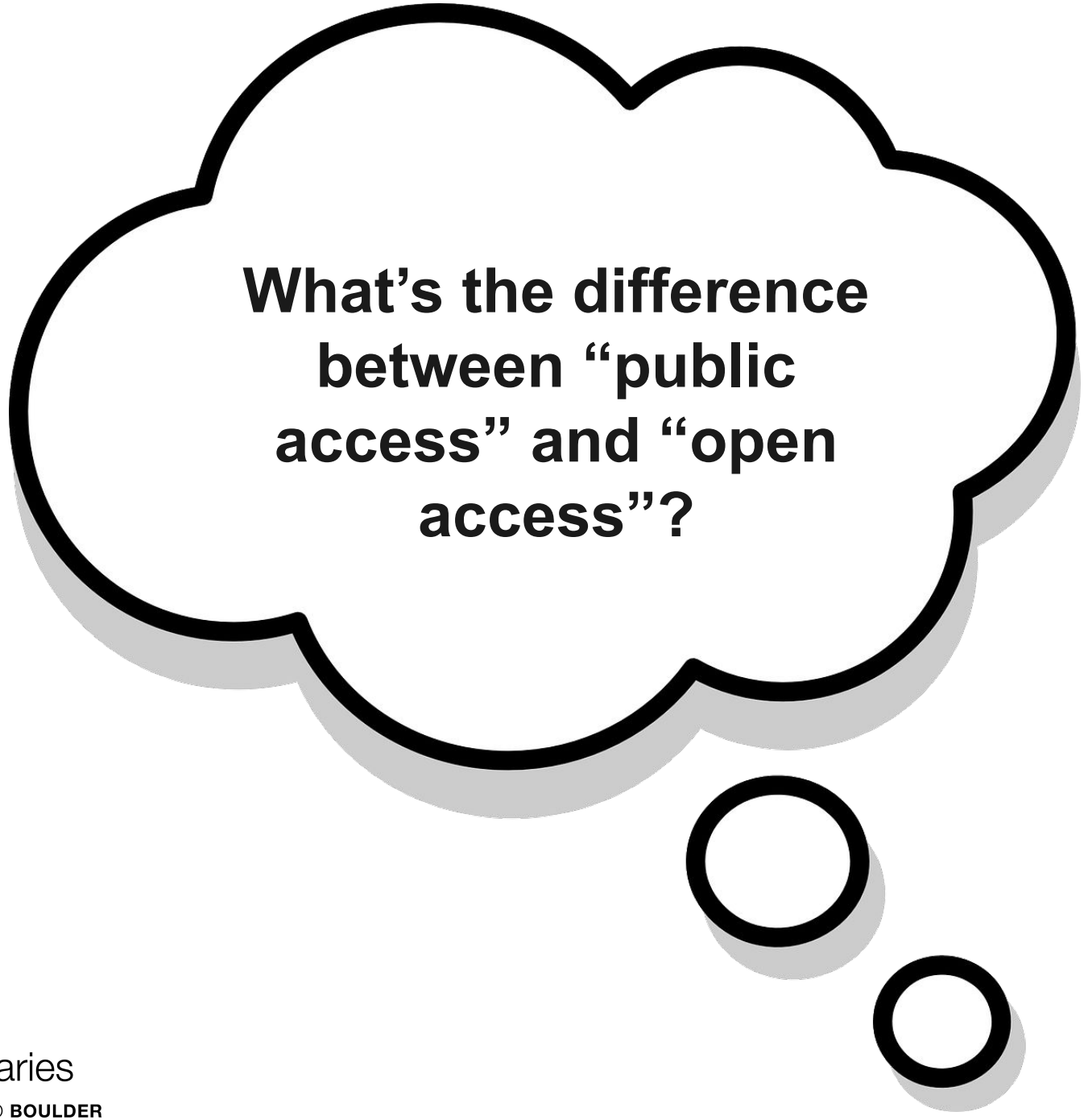
- Libraries and other campus units/departments working together
- Listening sessions
  - The Libraries (and funding agencies) need to know what is important to faculty
  - The Libraries has resources and support services that can help now
- What researchers can do NOW:
  - Obtain an ORCID
  - Include pub costs in grant applications
  - Provide feedback and advocacy to funding agencies

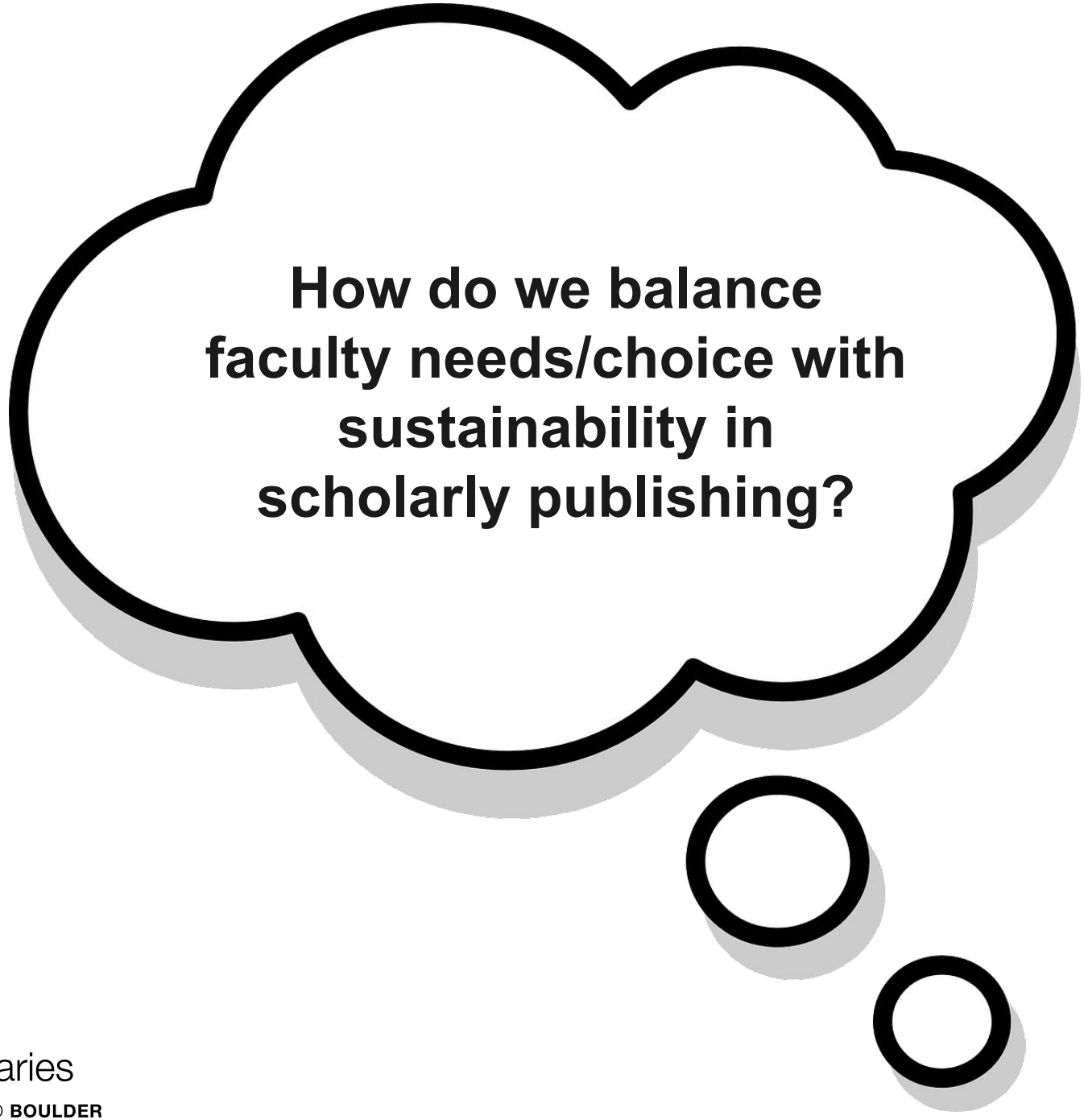
Data, data, data

- Immediate need for support for data management planning, data curation, and storage needs
- Researchers should get DOIs for their data
- Data deposit and preservation services through CU Scholar (crdds@colorado.edu)
- Exceptions for sensitive data

Food for thought…


What about researchers without federal funding?


What's the difference between "public access" and "open access"?


How do we balance faculty needs/choice with sustainability in scholarly publishing?

Conversation

What are your concerns? Ideas?

How can we work together?

What support do you need from the Libraries?