**University Senate Open Access Initiative**

*New Brunswick Faculty Council*

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**The University Senate OA Initiative**

- Origins
- Current status
- Timeline

**What is Open Access**

- Free availability on the public internet
- No financial, legal, or technical barriers
- Author keeps copyright

Budapest Open Access Initiative definition: 
http://www.soros.org/openaccess

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**Open Access & the Rutgers Mission**

- Responsibility of a public research university
- Greater visibility for Rutgers scholarship
- Facilitates Rutgers strategic goals of greater international impact
- Exemplifies Rutgers leadership role in the open access arena

**An Open Access Policy at Rutgers**

- Builds on previous Rutgers OA initiatives
- Responds to outside funder mandates (NIH)
- Aligns Rutgers with AAU colleague institutions
- Brings Rutgers into the growing OA movement

“to the extent possible”

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**The University Senate OA Report**

Rutgers University Open Access Policy Resolution

[Image of the report]
Gathering Input

- Newark Faculty Council (April 2)
- Camden FAS + Nursing, Business, Law schools (April 9)
- SEBS Chairs Council (April 25)
- EVPAA's Council (May 7)
- New Brunswick Faculty Council (May 11)
- Grad School-NB Executive Council (May 22)
- ... and others

Proposed OA Policy at Rutgers

- For all Rutgers faculty and scholars
- Scholarly articles
- Prospectively applied
- Embargoes, opt-outs and waivers
- Focus on public access for readers/researchers
- Innovations (inclusive; introduces data)
- Separates policy from its implementation

The Vehicle for Open Access: a Digital Repository

- The institutional repository (RUcore)
- Contents visible on web if OK with publisher
- Journal articles, conference proceedings, ETDs
- Crawled by Google
- Run by Rutgers at no cost to author

Two Types of Repositories

Subject repositories
- arXiv.org
- RePEc

Institutional repositories

Growth of Open Access Repositories

- Repositories
- Open Access Records
**Benefits of Archiving in a Repository**

- Disseminate your research sooner
- Showcase all Rutgers scholarship in one place
- Research is discovered by Google Scholar
- Usage data to demonstrate impact
- Permanent links you can use
- Ensure access over time
- Underlying data can link with publication itself

**Accommodate Disciplinary Differences**

- Reach more readers & researchers
- Publish in your journal of choice
- Keep your copyright
- Increase citation/research impact
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**Open Access Journals**

- Not the focus of the Rutgers policy

**Growth of active OA journals and research articles published in them**

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http://opcit.eprints.org/oacitation-biblio.html

**Selected AAU Institutions with OA Policies**

- Case Western Reserve University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Harvard (FAS, Business, Law School, Medical School)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Princeton University
- Stanford University School of Education
- University of California
- University of Florida (proposed)
- University of Kansas
- University of Virginia (proposed)

From Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies (ROARMAP): http://roarmap.eprints.org
### Policies and/or Mandates
- Continuum of policies from "voluntary participation" to true "mandates"
- Mandates requiring deposit of all publications are most effective; RU proposal is for the faculty to adopt a policy
- University of Liege employs a true mandate; no publications/references may be listed on promotion materials/CVs unless deposited

### Can I Still Publish in My Favorite Journal?
- Majority of traditional publishers today (>60%) allow repository deposit of author’s final version
- Know your rights as an author!
- Check on your favorite journal or publisher policy on SHERPA/RoMEO website

### Mandates Triple the Percent Open Access via Repository

### Implementation (Phase 2)
- Form Implementation Working Group
- Make deposit **convenient** for authors
- Without changing your publication patterns
- With no added cost to authors
- Acknowledging disciplinary differences
Questions?