

Resolution 2015-9. On Endorsing a University Open Access Policy.

The Faculty Council resolves:

1.1 The Faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is committed to disseminating the fruits of its research and scholarship as widely as possible.

1.2 In keeping with that commitment, the Faculty Council endorses the following University policy applicable to all scholarly articles authored or coauthored by persons while a member of the Faculty and whose copyright is held by the Faculty member under University policy.

1.3 This policy shall not apply to any articles completed before the adoption of this policy or to any articles for which the Faculty member entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the adoption of this policy.

2.1 Each Faculty member grants to the University a nonexclusive, noncommercial, irrevocable, worldwide license to exercise, and to authorize others to exercise, any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, in any medium, for the purpose of making their articles freely and widely available in an open access repository.

2.2 The Provost or Provost's designate will waive application of the license for a particular article or delay access for a specified period of time upon express direction by a Faculty member.

3.1 Each Faculty member will provide an electronic copy of each article so licensed, ordinarily the author's final edited version, at no charge, as directed by the Provost's Office, to be made available to the public in an open-access repository.

3.2 The Scholarly Communications Office of the University Library or other office designated by the Provost will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes from time to time.

3.3. The Chair of the Faculty will appoint a committee to review this policy no later than three years after its adoption and present a report to the Faculty.

4.1. The Faculty Council is hopeful that the foregoing policy will be adopted and implemented by the University by January 1, 2016.