**DRAFT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORTOF OPEN ACCESS**

**FORCSU FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

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*Note: Open access refers tofree, onlinepublic access toscholarly and scientific works in open access journals and university repositories. All CSU campuseshave open access institutional repositories, often branded with the name “ScholarWorks.”Open access resolutions and policies for faculty are currently in place at more than 200 American universities, including a recently approved mandatory (opt-out) policy for the entire UC system. Thedraft resolution below reflects a* ***voluntary (opt-in) approach****; no CSU faculty member would be required to submit their work to an open access journal or an open access repository.*

**WHEREAS:**

1. Open access publishing and archiving is central to the long-term viability of the dissemination of scholarship; and
2. Freely accessible scholarship benefits the academy and society at large; and
3. Open access increases networking among scholars and the likelihood of CSU faculty research being easily discoverable and cited by others; and
4. Open access increases access to publications for the CSUacademic community, given sharply rising costs for online journals and databases; and
5. Open access fulfills federal grant mandates for research dissemination; and
6. Open access contributes to global information sharing, including forscholars in developing countries who do not have access to expensive databases; and
7. A system-wide open access initiative would provide CSU faculty with leverageto negotiate more favorable copyright terms with publishers; and
8. Open access showcases CSU scholarship and thus enhances the scholarly and scientific reputations of each campus;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Academic Senate of the California State Universitystrongly encourage CSU faculty members to:

1. publish in journals that are open access or allow open access archiving;and
2. deposit published journal articles in an open access repository as soon as possible after acceptance for publication.