

REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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Julia Lovett, Digital Initiatives Librarian, invited guest

Meeting Dates

The Faculty Senate Library Committee met three times during 2013/14: October 2, December 2, and January 16.

Activities

On April 18, 2013, the Faculty Senate added to the charge of the Library Committee to “serve in an advisory capacity to the Faculty Senate regarding the implementation and interpretation of the University of Rhode Island Open-Access Policy, resolving disputes concerning the interpretation and application of the policy, and recommending changes in the policy to the Faculty Senate.” The amended charge was approved by President Dooley on May 1, 2013.

During 2013/14, the Committee focused its attention on issues related to the implementation of the Open Access Policy. The Committee:

- Reviewed and approved the Open Access Policy **Terms of Use** <http://digitalcommons.uri.edu/oa_policy_terms.html>.
 - Decided to adapt Harvard’s Terms of Use, which are nuanced regarding derivative works and therefore preferable at this time to a standard Creative Commons license (though CC licenses have the advantage of being machine-readable).
- Reviewed and approved the **Assistance Authorization Form, waiver process**, optional **Author Addendum**, and language of the **URI Open Access Policy Guide** <<http://uri.libguides.com/oapolicy>>.
- Reviewed the efforts of the Faculty Senate Designate for the URI Open Access Policy to contact **publishers** and publisher responses.
 - Decided that if a publisher has stated that they will require authors to seek a waiver but does not actually ask the author for a waiver and publishes the author’s article, the manuscript shall be deposited in DigitalCommons@URI per the Open Access Policy.

- Established that the **article version** targeted by the OA Policy is the author's final peer-reviewed manuscript except in cases where a) the publisher allows their PDF to be used *and* b) the license for the publisher PDF is more permissive (i.e. CC-BY or CC-BY-NC) than the OA Policy Terms of Use.
- Discussed to what degree the OA Policy applies to Lecturers, part-time faculty, and adjuncts. Agreed that **adjuncts** (as defined by the University Manual 7.11.22) are likely not covered by the Policy.
- Discussed strategies for systematically **identifying faculty publications** in order to reach out to faculty for their articles. Noted that many colleges compile annual lists of faculty publications. Agreed that more conversation on this topic is needed, and that ideally reporting of publications would be centralized, perhaps through the Office of the Provost.
- Discussed strategies for **promoting the OA Policy**
 - Email from library to deans asking them to request that their faculty forward manuscripts for any recent articles to the library.
 - Promotional videos (student project?)
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 - Monthly promotional email showcasing the three most-downloaded OA Policy articles in the previous month.

Next year, the Committee will discuss:

- More on outreach strategies to faculty
- What metrics to track regarding Policy implementation
- Possible update to membership of Committee to include Faculty Senate Designate for the URI Open Access Policy as an *ex-officio* member
- Strategies for conducting the three-year review of the policy (i.e. metrics, surveys, etc.)

Selected Metrics

From implementation of the OA Policy in March 2012 through mid-March 2013:

Article requests sent to faculty by library	385
OA Policy articles added to DigitalCommons@URI (see breakdown below)	85
Total downloads of OA Policy articles (see breakdown below)	1,835

Submissions are gaining momentum:

- As of the end of January 2014, there were 51 OA Policy articles.
- As of the end of February, there were 62 articles (22% increase in one month).
- As of mid-March, there are 85 articles (37% increase in two weeks).

Total OA Policy article downloads by departmental series	
Business Administration	296
Graduate School of Oceanography	265
Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences	190
Chemistry	167
Biological Sciences	119
Chemical Engineering	105
Library Technical Services	94
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics	90
Institute for Immunology & Informatics	88
Physical Therapy	86
Communication Studies	71
Electrical, Computer and Biomedical Engineering	65
Psychology	65
Education	41
Pharmacy Practice	41
Cell and Molecular Biology	16
Natural Resources Science	15
Mathematics	11
Physics	9
Mechanical, Industrial & Systems Engineering	1

Total OA Policy articles in DigitalCommons@URI	
Graduate School of Oceanography	19
Biological Sciences	9
Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences	9
Business Administration	7
Chemistry	7
Physical Therapy	7
Institute for Immunology & Informatics	5
Pharmacy Practice	4
Physics	3
Psychology	3
Chemical Engineering	2
Electrical, Computer and Biomedical Engineering	2
Cell and Molecular Biology	1
Communication Studies	1
Education	1
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics	1
Library Technical Services	1
Mathematics	1
Mechanical, Industrial & Systems Engineering	1
Natural Resources Science	1