University of Rhode Island
REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE DESIGNATE FOR THE URI OPEN ACCESS POLICY
May 7, 2015

Role Definition

The role of a designate for the URI Open Access Policy is alluded to in the policy itself:

> *"…The Faculty Senate or Faculty Senate's designate will, on behalf of the University, 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…"*

Most institutions with policies similar to URI's have appointed designates to be points of contact for the Policy: to provide waivers, to answer faculty questions, to communicate the Policy to publishers, etc. Designates are typically from the library.

Appointment

On October 3, 2013, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate appointed Professor Andrée Rathemacher (LIB) as the Faculty Senate Designate for the URI Open Access Policy. They noted, "Presently, there is no language defining the duration of the term of the Designate. Until such language is included in the description of the Policy, we ask that you serve a two-year term, extending through Spring 2015."

Given the expiration of the term of the Designate at the end of this academic year, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will need to make a new appointment for academic year 2015/16.

Waivers

From the time of the Policy's implementation in March 2013 through the drafting of this report on April 3, the Designate has issued six waivers to five individuals. The waivers break down as follows:

Academic Year 2013-2014			
Author rank	*College*	*Journal title*	*Publisher*
Assistant	A&S	Perspectives in Biology and Medicine	Johns Hopkins
Professor	LIB	Chemical Educator	Chemical Educator
Associate	A&S	Learning and Individual Differences	Elsevier
Assistant	A&S	Ethical Theory and Moral Practice	Springer

Academic Year 2014-2015			
Author rank	*College*	*Journal title*	*Publisher*
Assistant	CELS	Science	AAAS
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Respectfully submitted,
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