Open Access Policies

Hope College Faculty Meeting October 2010

Library Committee

Last Year

- Studied policies from other institutions Harvard,
 Oberlin, Trinity University, Rollins College
- Reviewed arguments for and against adopting an Open Access policy at Hope

This Year

 Voted to draft a policy for consideration by the Academic Affairs Board

What is an Open Access Policy?

- The goal of a campus open-access policy is to ensure that the scholarly publications of faculty are freely available online, without interfering with an author's freedom to publish where she chooses.
- A commitment to disseminating the results of faculty research & scholarship as widely as possible.
- Typically, faculty members grant the College a nonexclusive license to make their scholarly articles openly accessible in an institutional repository.

Why Open Access?

- Accelerates discovery
- Democratizes access (articles are available to everyone - not just those who can afford them)
- Increases the impact of faculty research (articles are cited more often)
- Increases visibility and availability of the scholarly output of the institution while ensuring preservation & compliance with copyright law

What Do OA Policies Do?

- Apply only to peer-reviewed journal articles accepted for publication
- May have an embargo period before the article is made public (depending on the publisher)
- Have an unconditional opt-out or waiver clause for a given article if needed to accommodate an individual circumstance

What Open Access Policies Don't Do?

- Do not change where you submit your article for publication
- Do not force publishers to change their underlying business model
- O Do not require that faculty publish in open access journals (although OA journals are gaining wide respectability and high impact factors)

How Do Open Access Policies Work?

- They secure a specific non-exclusive license for author's works so that they can be deposited in an IR
- Authors retain ownership and complete control of the copyright for articles and may exercise their copyrights including transferring rights to the publisher of a journal that has accepted the article for publication

How Do OA Policies Work With Publishers Agreements?

- Many publishers permit, as a matter of policy, self-archiving or deposit in an I.R.
- When a publisher's policy does not automatically permit deposit in an I.R., authors can add an author's addendum to the publication agreement.



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What Does This Mean for Faculty? Benefits

- Your work is freely available to scholars world-wide
- Increased visibility of your scholarship / potentially cited more often
- Your work is archived and discoverable via Google
- You are helping to market the scholarship of the institution
- You are contributing to the public good

What Does This Mean for Faculty? Costs

- A few minutes of your time
 - Submit bibliographic information and a .PDF of an article accepted for publication
 - The library will determine if the publisher allows deposit in I.R
 - May need to request an author addendum or
 - May need to opt-out of institutional license for that particular article

Other Costs

- Need to implement an Institutional Repository (already in library budget)
- Reallocate work of librarians to handle submissions
- Oversight of the policy and implementation by the governance system

Next Steps

- Library Committee will continue to study policies from other institutions and draft a Hope College Open Access Policy
- Library Committee will submit the draft policy to the Academic Affairs Board
- Library Committee will probably recommend
 - Holding an open forum on Open Access
 - That faculty vote on adoption of a policy

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