

The Ohio State University Libraries Open Access Resolution January, 2012

The Faculty of University Libraries (Libraries) of The Ohio State University is committed to disseminating the fruits of its research and scholarship as widely as possible. In keeping with that commitment, the Faculty adopts the following policy, effective July 1, 2012:

Each Faculty member grants to The Ohio State University permission to make available his or her scholarly articles and to exercise the copyright in those articles. In legal terms, the permission granted by each Faculty member is a nonexclusive, irrevocable, paid-up, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, in any medium, for purposes of making the articles openly accessible in a repository, and to authorize others (such as OhioLINK) to do the same, provided that the articles are not sold for a profit.

The policy will apply to all scholarly articles written while the person is a member of the regular Faculty except for any articles completed before the adoption of this policy and any articles for which the Faculty member entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the adoption of this policy. The Director or designate will waive application of the policy for a particular article upon written request by a Faculty member explaining the need.

To assist the University in distributing the articles, each Faculty member will provide an electronic copy of the final version of the manuscript upon acceptance for publication. The Libraries may make the article available to the public in an open-access repository. Each faculty member is responsible for retaining the rights necessary for compliance with the policy, or obtaining a waiver.

The Libraries' Faculty Advisory Council will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes to the Faculty from time to time. The policy will be reviewed after three years and a report presented to the Faculty.

(Adopted on 3/15/2012 by vote of the faculty of the University Libraries)