

Annual Report of University Library Board

Presented to the Academic Senate

Monday, Sept 17, 2018, by Nick Taylor, Chair of ULB

The University Library Board spent much of the 2017-2018 Academic Year discussing Open Access publishing, a topic the Senate previously examined in 2009-2010, when it convened a task force to study Open Access publishing. The [2010 report of the task force](#) included five recommendations. It also asked that the University Library update the Senate periodically on progress toward addressing its recommendations.

ULB has chosen to use this Annual Report to brief the Senate on the Library's efforts surrounding Open Access:

1. A Sense of the Senate resolution endorsing Open Access

Approved April 13, 2010 as [SS-S10-2](#).

2. Modifying the policy for student theses, which in the future will be published on SJSU ScholarWorks

Approved June 11, 2014 as [S14-10](#).

3. Encouraging faculty to disseminate their published research on SJSU ScholarWorks

The University Library encourages faculty to create an author profile with SJSU ScholarWorks through 3 email campaigns during the calendar year. The fall recruitment campaign went out Sept 4: <https://mailchi.mp/f86518da6333/join-sjsu-scholarworks-1324877>. All faculty should have received that message. Additionally, the Library presents at the New Faculty Orientation and various CFD- and University Library-sponsored lunch and learns and outreach events during the academic year.

4. Informing faculty authors about retaining residual rights when negotiating with commercial publishers

Education on retention of authors' rights is integrated into the Library's communication with faculty who positively respond to our SJSU ScholarWorks campaigns or outreach activities. The Library asks for submitted manuscripts. The subsequent conversations with faculty inevitably cover pre-prints vs. post-prints and what can be posted in the IR. The ULB plans to create a SmartNote (faculty newsletter) on residual rights this year.

5. Modify Retention, Tenure and Promotion guidelines to treat Open Access publications on par with other publications

The University's RTP policy was overhauled and approved as [S15-8](#), without mention of Open Access publications. The ULB plans to create and distribute model language for

departments to use in their RTP guidelines, bearing in mind that Open Access publications do not carry the same weight in every discipline.

A Note about Predatory Journals

In addition to the efforts described above, the Library also plans to send information to faculty this year about “predatory journals” – fraudulent academic publishers who prey on junior scholars eager to publish their work and willing to pay for the privilege. These disreputable journals generally do not provide the editorial and peer-review services associated with higher-status journals but do charge exorbitant fees for “open access” publication. The Library has subscribed to blacklists and can recommend strategies to help SJSU faculty avoid predatory journals. Look for a SmartNote on this topic.