



Open Access to Research Articles Act -

Information for faculty and staff....

Senate Conference Committee on Open Access -
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What is Open Access?

Open Access-Lots of Definitions

“Open-access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.”

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(<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm>)

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Discussion Topics

- What is Open Access
- Background on the Open Access to Research Articles Act (Public Act 098-0295), also known as the Biss Bill
- Items to consider
- Next Steps



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What do we mean by open?

Open & Free to Access and Use

Open to ...

Contribution and participation - Granting rights up front to enable sharing and reuse

Use & Reuse with few or no restrictions

Indexing and Machine Readable - Creating opportunities for new forms of technology enabled scholarship and data mining



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Open Access to Research Articles Act

- Illinois Public Act 098-0295 passed last fall by the legislature
- Mandates a Task Force to “consider how the public university can best further the open access goals laid out in this Act,”
- By January 1, 2015, each task force shall adopt a report setting forth its findings and recommendations.



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Key components of open access policies

- Spells out who has rights to the work
- Provides for a means for authors to deposit scholarly works
- Provides a waiver or opt-out policy that may be applied to specific articles
- Defines the types of materials covered
- Defines who is covered by the policy



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Requirements of the Act

- These recommendations shall include
 - “a detailed description of any open access policy the task force recommends that the public university or State adopt”
- Plan for Implementation for Public Universities
- Minority report at request of any member



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Open Access to Research Articles Act - Items to Consider

- Academic Freedom
- Copyright Policy
- Reporting -Oversight & Enforcement
- Cost of Repository
- Potential for Collaboration
- Potential use of existing scholarly repositories
- Support for Gold Open Access (Pros & Cons)
- Academic Discipline Specific considerations
- Determination of article version to be made available



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10th Item to Consider- Who and What is to be covered in the Policy

Who

- Employees of State Agencies
- State grant awardees
- Faculty
- Adjunct, Clinical, part time faculty

What

- Journal articles, and...
- Dissertations
- Conference Materials?
- Laboratory manuals?
- Books?
- Patentable discoveries?



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Want more information on Open Access?

- Open Access FAQ – <https://uofi.box.com/openaccess-faq>
- Links from UIS Faculty Senate Presentation -- <https://uofi.box.com/openaccess-links>
- University of Illinois Springfield – Open Access Information -- <https://uofi.box.com/OpenAccess>
- Open Access Directory -- http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Main_Page



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Follow-Up

- Faculty Development Session - March
- Open Forum -- April
- Survey/Comment Form
- Committee Members
 - Librarians



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Questions? Comments?

Thank You!



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