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To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee
From: Curtis Kendrick, Dean of Libraries
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At the SUNY University Faculty Senate 176th Plenary held at SUNY Canton, April 22, 2017, the UFS passed a resolution calling for SUNY to establish Open Access policies. The SUNY Board of Trustees followed up by promulgating a policy requiring that each State-operated campus develop and adopt an open access policy, but left it to each campus to determine the specifics of their local policy.

As a reminder, Open Access is the availability of the scholarly literature on the public internet that permits users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full text of the scholarship for any lawful purpose, without financial, legal or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the Internet.

As a campus leader in Open Access issues, faculty from the University Libraries reviewed open access policies at many institutions, held several deliberations, responded to initial feedback from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and ultimately endorsed the recommended policy for the University that is now being shared with you. This is offered to the Binghamton University Faculty Senate and University Administration for consideration of what might become an open access policy for Binghamton University.

Faculty are encouraged to consult with their subject librarian for more information about Open Access, or get in touch with Elizabeth Brown, Director of Scholarly Communication and Assessment, ebrown@binghamton.edu.

cc: Don Nieman, Senior Vice President and Provost
Prof. Sol Polachek, Chair, Faculty Senate Library Committee

Binghamton University Open Access Policy
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The faculty of Binghamton University are committed to the dissemination and sharing of scholarship and creative works. As authors, we recognize the need to share our work with peers as well as the general public, and the benefits that result from this sharing such as visibility in online search engines, journal websites, and online repositories. We also recognize the need to develop a campus Open Access policy in response to the SUNY Board of Trustees (BOT) Campus Open Access Policies Memo distributed in 2018.

To serve these goals we pledge to *share/submit* scholarly articles (the final version submitted to the publisher) to the Libraries, who will then review publisher self-archiving policies for each article and post in the Libraries' Open Repository @ Binghamton (ORB) as permitted. Items that cannot be shared will not be posted to the ORB.

If due to the research scope, copyright or other considerations faculty are prevented from submitting their scholarly articles, a waiver can be supplied, or an embargo period put in place.

Review of this policy will occur within three years of adoption, with a report presented to University faculty and administration on the impact of this policy.

More Information about Open Access:

What is Open Access?

Open Access is a publishing model that allows anyone to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the journal article once it is published. It operates in a different manner than subscription journals, which require payment and limit access to those that have a subscription.

Why would this benefit me as an author?

More people can see your work, including potential students, collaborators and peers. You can also have a location to collect your articles and more easily share your work with others.

What is meant by scholarly articles?

The phrase “scholarly articles” is meant to include research that advances human knowledge and that typically but not exclusively might be published in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings. Given varying publishing practices across disciplines, it is not possible to provide an exhaustive list of applicable document types; faculty are encouraged to consult with their subject librarian to resolve any ambiguities.

What about my article co-authors? Do I need to notify them?

You aren't required to notify co-authors if you submit an item to the ORB.

What is the ORB?

The [Open Repository @Binghamton \(ORB\)](https://www.binghamton.edu/libraries/services/orb.html) provides an online platform for faculty, students, and scholars from the Binghamton University community to share and discover scholarly and creative works. Works are organized by academic unit and author name. Statistics for downloads and usage of content are available, including individual author reports. URL:

<https://www.binghamton.edu/libraries/services/orb.html>

What if my publishing agreement form won't let me share my article in the ORB?

You may want to consider creating an author addendum to your agreement form to let the publisher share your work in the ORB. This addendum modifies the publisher's agreement and allows you to modify the terms of the original agreement. The addendum is filled out, signed and returned along with the author agreement to the publisher. Links to sample agreements are available on the Libraries' website: <https://www.binghamton.edu/libraries/services/scholarly/author-addenda.html>.

Regardless of the terms in your author agreement, many publishers still allow for a version of your article to be posted in an institutional repository. Binghamton University Libraries will work to ascertain what rights apply. Permissions for many publishers can be found online at SHERPA RoMEO. More information about permissions and posting content in the ORB is available:

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