

University Faculty Senate  
176<sup>th</sup> Plenary  
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### **Resolution Calling for SUNY Open Access Repository Policies**

**Whereas** the dissemination and sharing of the published results scholarly research is a cornerstone of communication among scholars; and

**Whereas** freely available access to scholarly publications is inhibited by pay-walls that are established by many scholarly journals; and

**Whereas** federal agencies that fund academic research require that research results and publications be made freely available to the public within a year of publication; and

**Whereas** the faculty of the University of California system, the University of Indiana, and many other academic institutions have established system- or campus-wide repository policies for scholarly publications; and

**Whereas** the faculty of Stony Brook University has adopted an Open Access Policy for SBU faculty; and

**Whereas** many other SUNY campuses have developed optional repositories for faculty to archive and make available their published scholarship; therefore

**Be It Resolved** that the University Faculty Senate urges individual campus faculty governing bodies to develop and adopt open-access policies and recommends that the Stony Brook policy be used as a guide; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the UFS seeks to work with the Board of Trustees, Chancellor, Provost, and/or their designees to develop a SUNY-wide open access policy and repository that will complement but not supersede campus-based policies and repositories. Such a SUNY open access repository could serve as a central system that links individual campus repositories as well as serve those campuses without the resources to develop their own.

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**Resolution on Open Access Repositories**  
**Passed without Dissent**