

Open Access Task Force Charter

March 25, 2014

- I. Our task force was appointed in February 2014 by Chair of the Faculty Jan Boxill after consultation with the Faculty Executive Committee in response to resolutions passed in the fall of 2013 by the Administrative Board of the Library and the Copyright Committee respectively:
 - a. "The Administrative Board of the Library will delegate someone to present to the Faculty Council Executive Committee a proposal to appoint a cross-campus faculty committee to consider an institutional rights-retention-with-opt-out policy."
 - b. "The University Committee on Copyright proposes that the Faculty Executive Committee appoint a cross-campus faculty committee to consider an institutional rights-retention-with-opt-out policy. The University Committee on Copyright further offers to work with the Administrative Board of the Library and the Faculty Executive Committee to develop the slate of members for the committee."
 - c. A forum on open access was also held at the December 2013 Faculty Council meeting.
- II. Our charge is to investigate how a university-wide open access policy would affect different disciplines at Carolina, and then make a recommendation on an institutional policy to the Chair of the Faculty. The Chair of the Faculty may ask the Faculty Executive Committee to draft appropriate legislation for adoption by the Faculty Council.
- III. We hope to achieve consensus, but if that is not possible, we will vote, and a minority report could be added or individual dissents included with the report.
- IV. Our report is due in December 2014.
- V. Along the way we will:
 - a. Identify key concerns that need to be addressed (March meeting)
 - b. Hear from other universities how this works (April forum)
 - c. Identify research that is needed this summer and create a work plan (May meeting)
 - d. Conduct Research (summer)
 - e. Reconvene committee and discuss findings (September meeting)
 - f. Conduct faculty survey and discuss results (October meeting)
 - g. Subcommittee develops recommendation (October meeting)
 - h. Task Force members discuss recommendations at individual departmental faculty meetings (October and November)
 - i. Committee decision (November meeting)
 - j. Report to the Chair of the Faculty (December)
- VI. The Task Force is co-chaired by Todd Vision (Biology) and Julie Kimbrough (Law Library), and the full roster is listed on the Faculty Council website at <http://faccoun.unc.edu/committees-2/ad-hoc-committees/open-access-task-force/> and the Task Force Sakai site. Liaisons include Anne Whisnant (Office of Faculty Governance) and Jean Morton Elia (Office of the Provost). David Kiel from the Center for Faculty Excellence is providing facilitation assistance.