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MEMORANDUM 1617-SC06

TO: Members of the Student Assembly

**FROM: Evan Rufrano, Director of Academic Affairs
Arthur Ramsay, Director of Communications**

ENDORSED: Rules Committee

DATE: April 8, 2017

SUBJECT: Encouragement of and Support for Open Access Publication

Action Requested

We recommend that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (hereafter SUNY SA) adopt the following resolution which encourages and support for Open Access Publications and partner with the University Faculty Senate, the original authors of this legislation.

Resolution

Whereas SUNY faculty members create scholarly research and publish it with commercial publishers to sell to libraries at increasingly unaffordable prices; and

Whereas the SUNY Libraries recognize the need for faculty and students to have access to, read, publish in, and to cite high quality, high-impact journals in their fields of study; and

Whereas SUNY needs to develop a multi-faceted long-term strategy for scholarly communications and library funding across our campuses; and

Whereas such a strategy will require strong statements of direction from the SUNY System Office, significant cultural change on our campuses, and alignment with faculty governance; therefore, be it

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly encourages SUNY, its Libraries, and the Faculty to explore and support alternatives to publishing scholarship with commercial publishers; and be it further

Resolved that the Executive Committee of the SUNY Student Assembly work with the SUNY University Faculty Senate, SUNY Provost office, the SUNY Librarians Association, the SUNY Council of Library Directors, and other

stakeholders to create a task force to explore alternative models of scholarly publishing and communications, and their impact on promotions and continuing appointment, and to report back to the SUNY Student Assembly with an interim report at the Fall 2017 SUNY SA Conference meeting, and with a final report at the Spring 2018 SUNY SA Conference meeting, regarding the feasibility, desirability and logistics of adopting such alternative models. and be it finally

Resolved that the SUNY SA continue its commitments to advocating for affordable academic resources.

Background

This resolution is based on a resolution passed by the University Faculty Senate in April 2015, attached as Appendix A.