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Jeff Mackie-Mason and Ivy Anderson, Co-Chairs
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Re: UCOLASC Endorsement of Priorities for the CoUL Publisher Negotiation Task Force

Dear Jeff and Ivy,

A long-stated goal of the faculty-led University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) at the University of California (UC) is to transform the publishing system from one that is subscription-based to one that is open access (OA). As such, and with the clear intention of accelerating the transition to OA for UC authors and the implementation of the UCOLASC [Declaration of Rights and Principles](#), UCOLASC unanimously endorses (12-0) the position taken by the Council of University Librarians (CoUL) and the Publisher Negotiation Task Force that CoUL has convened to prepare for upcoming negotiations with journal publishers.

Specifically, UCOLASC concurs unequivocally that the following should be included in publisher agreements when UC is negotiating for OA:

- The ability to make any article published by UC authors immediately OA in a given publisher's journals.
- Reading access and perpetual rights for all UC campuses to all articles in a given publisher's journal portfolio.
- A sustainable price model that enables a transition to OA.

UCOLASC and other faculty across the University of California system are committed to working with publishers who share the common goal of making scholarly communication more open, fair, transparent, and sustainable.

We thank you, the other members of the Publisher Negotiation Task Force, and CoUL for your efforts on our behalf, and we stand alongside you with firm resolve.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Schneider, **Chair**

Dennis Ventry, **Vice Chair**

Geoffrey Koziol, **UC Berkeley**
Kathryn Olmsted, **UC Davis**
Amelia Regan, **UC Irvine**
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