Scott Waugh, Chair  
Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC)

29 May 2018

Re: UCOLASC Endorsement of “Negotiating Journal Agreements at UC: A Call to Action”

Dear Scott,

On behalf of the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC), we are writing to report that UCOLASC has resolutely and unanimously endorsed (12-0) Negotiating Journal Agreements at UC: A Call to Action, which is a framing document that was authored by the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC).

As you know, UCOLASC has endorsed its own Declaration of Rights and Principles that we feel has great potential to transform scholarly communication from a system that remains closed and unaffordable, to one that is more open, fair, transparent, and sustainable. Likewise, UCOLASC has voiced enthusiastic support for the Pathways to OA that was recently produced by the UC Council of University Librarians (CoUL) and that charts a clear course for how UC can help make the products of our research and scholarship as freely and widely available as possible by investing in a range of open access (OA) strategies. Because these aforementioned efforts by both UCOLASC and CoUL are thoroughly contextualized and embraced within the SLASIAC Call to Action, UCOLASC firmly believes that UC can now deploy a fully vetted and strong consensus set of priorities to guide its upcoming and future journal license negotiations with publishers.

UCOLASC has endorsed the SLASIAC Call to Action to signal our collective commitment to advance the public mission of UC, and to leverage faculty backing to ensure that UC spends taxpayer money in the most ethically, morally, and socially-responsible way when entering into journal agreements with publishers. Our expectation is that UC will rely on the UCOLASC Declaration of Rights and Principles, CoUL Pathways to OA, and SLASIAC Call to Action, to push aggressively for terms and conditions in publisher agreements that are truly transformative and closely aligned with our short- and long-term goals for scholarly communication.

Sincerely,

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