

Georgia Regents University Senate

**Resolution on**

**1. Support of Open Access Dissemination of Research**

WHEREAS, the GRU Libraries has established an online, freely accessible, and searchable repository, [Scholarly Commons](#), for the dissemination of scholarly and creative works created by the members of the University Community; and

WHEREAS, one of the University's [strategic priorities](#) calls for "a culture of collaboration and interdisciplinary research, discovery, and scholarship" and is consistent with the fundamental purposes of scholarship (Strategic Priority 3, Organizational Goal 1); and

WHEREAS, economic barriers continue to obstruct access to scholarly works produced by members of the GRU community; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the University Senate commits:

1. To engage in good faith negotiations with publishers when policies do not allow authors to make their works freely available online, including the use of an [addendum to a publication agreement](#).
2. To investigate the authors' rights policies in journals with which they collaborate (as authors, reviewers, and editors) and advocate for improvements in authors' retention of rights.
3. To deposit a version of scholarly works in the University's digital repository, [Scholarly Commons](#), to grant free access to scholarly works, as well as aid in increased knowledge sharing for the scholarly community and facilitate greater impact for authors. As some publishers may impose an embargo period, authors should deposit the work as soon as allowed.
4. To allow materials deposited in the digital repository to be granted a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs CC BY-NC-ND license.

This resolution calls on the GRU Libraries to provide educational opportunities that help faculty, staff, and students understand the system of scholarly communication, including authors' rights, the process of submitting works to [Scholarly Commons](#), dissemination of scholarly works through open access methods, and Creative Commons licensing.