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The University Library Committee (ULC) has drafted and approved the following policy in consultation with ACU Library leadership. The ULC recommends that the ACU Faculty Senate support the adoption of this Open Access policy for inclusion in the University Faculty Handbook. We recommend that the Faculty Senate approve a full faculty vote in the spring after presentation to a full faculty meeting:

The faculty of ACU is committed to disseminating the fruits of its research and scholarship as widely as possible. In keeping with that commitment, the faculty adopts the following policy:

Each faculty member grants ACU permission to make available his or her scholarly articles. More specifically, each faculty member grants to ACU a nonexclusive license to exercise rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, provided that the articles are attributed to the author, not altered, and not sold for a profit.

This policy applies to all scholarly articles authored or co-authored while the person is a member of the ACU faculty, except for any articles completed before the adoption of this policy and any articles for which the faculty member entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the adoption of this policy. On an article by article basis, the faculty member may obtain a waiver for any reason, no questions asked, including delayed access to an article for a specified period of time.

Each faculty member will provide an electronic copy in an appropriate format of the author's final version of each article no later than the conclusion of the academic year in which the article is published. The University will make the article available to the public in an open-access repository. The Office of the Provost will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes to the faculty from time to time.

The policy will be reviewed after three years and a report presented to the faculty.