UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XIV-M14

on open access

1. Motion presenter: Library Committee

2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 3/22/2010

3. Rationale:

This motion would not prevent concerned faculty from publishing in standard journals instead of or in addition to publishing in open access journals. The journal should be peer reviewed in any case. The dissemination of knowledge is changing, and faculty members need to find their own way in their own discipline. Since many journals require up-front payment, the motion recommends the use for publication of open access journals where feasible and where institution support is available for publication costs and that the senate supports the establishment of self-archiving in an institutional repository for scholarly work. The last sentence of the motion refers to support for both standard and open access journals.

4. Motion:

The Faculty Senate recommends the use for publication of open access journals where feasible and supports the establishment of self-archiving in an institutional repository for scholarly work. The senate also encourages the administration to provide support for publication where feasible.

5. Senate action: passed with thirty-five ayes, one nay, and no abstentions.

6. Senate chair’s signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on May 4, 2010

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on May 4, 2010

Forwarded to: Dean of the University Library, on May 4, 2010