

1 Title: **RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TO ADOPT AN**
2 **OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATIONS POLICY**

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9 WHEREAS the primary mission of the University of Washington is the advancement,
10 dissemination, and preservation of knowledge; and

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12 WHEREAS the current system for production and distribution of scholarly works is increasingly
13 unsustainable and restricts rather than increases access to and dissemination of research
14 conducted at the University of Washington; and

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16 WHEREAS open access to scholarly work generated at the University of Washington will
17 contribute to the advancement of the University's primary mission as well as increase the public
18 visibility and scholarly impact of the University's researchers,

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20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT
21 SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

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23 THAT the GPSS calls upon the faculty of the University of Washington to adopt an open access
24 publications policy that encourages free and public access to the scholarly peer reviewed articles
25 produced by University of Washington students, staff, and faculty; and

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27 THAT University of Washington students, staff, and faculty provide to the appropriate party of
28 the University, no later than date of publication, an electronic copy of the author's final version
29 to be deposited in an open access repository; and

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31 THAT this policy applies to all scholarly peer-reviewed articles authored or co-authored by
32 current UW students, staff, or faculty, except for any articles published before the adoption of
33 this policy, as well as any articles for which the student, staff, or faculty member has entered into
34 an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the adoption of said policy; and

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36 THAT the University of Washington waives application of this policy for a particular article
37 upon written notification by an author or co-author; and

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39 THAT this policy does not in any way prescribe or limit the venue of publication; and

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41 THAT the University of Washington encourages and supports student, staff, and faculty
42 publication in open access journals; and

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44 THAT the University of Washington Libraries provide relevant, current information regarding
45 journal publishers, pricing, and authors' rights to departments and individual faculty members;
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48 THAT the University of Washington continuously evaluates its open access publications policy
49 to ensure that such a policy is most effective at facilitating public access to scholarly peer-
50 reviewed articles produced by University of Washington students, staff, and faculty; and

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52 THAT the University of Washington administration provide sufficient resources to the libraries
53 and to academic units to better foster these efforts; and

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55 THAT the GPSS calls upon the Student Senate of the ASUW and the Faculty Senate of the
56 University of Washington to adopt similar resolutions in support of a robust and clearly defined
57 open access policy; and

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59 THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to GPSS President Alice Popejoy, ASUW
60 President Christina Xiao, Faculty Senate Chair Kate O'Neill, Interim Director of Information
61 Resources and Scholarly Communication Gordon Aamot, and Vice Provost for Digital Initiatives
62 and Dean of University Libraries Betsy Wilson.

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