

### **Resolution in Support of Libraries Licensing Priorities**

**Whereas** a lack of state funding results in a limited campus budget for operating and general funds; and

**Whereas** ongoing subscription costs and inflationary increases for library resources outpace budget increases and imperil the Libraries' ability to meet current and projected collection, research, and service needs; and

**Whereas** publishers rely on uncompensated or minimally compensated academic labor in the form of authorship, peer review, and editorship in the creation of journals and content; and

**Whereas** publishers levy Article Processing Charges (APCs) on authors in addition to the subscription fees paid by the Libraries; and

**Whereas** publishers restrict authors' abilities to share their articles openly with other researchers and with the public at large, contrary to our goals as a public institution and the advancement of science and dissemination of scholarly research; and

**Whereas** publishers use non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) or confidentiality clauses to obscure contractual terms with universities and hinder free, transparent negotiations; and

**Whereas** publishers leverage profits to exert control over key tools for managing the research lifecycle and scholarly communications; and

**Whereas** publishers use institutional data as business intelligence to create additional subscription content or services; and

**Whereas** a collaborative relationship between universities, libraries, researchers, and publishers has the potential to create value for all stakeholders in the long run;

**Therefore Be it Resolved**, that the Faculty Council supports the CSU Libraries in their commitment to connect people with the highest quality information and expertise, and endorses the Colorado State University Libraries Licensing Priorities as follows:

#### **Colorado State University Libraries Licensing Priorities**

The CSU Libraries practice responsible stewardship by advocating for equitable information production, discovery, and access. Their goal in establishing these priorities is to increase transparency and to

communicate the University's values and expectations for licensed resources to our stakeholders and vendors. In keeping with these values, the CSU Libraries have identified qualities that our resources should embody:

- **Sustainability:** Negotiating fair and sustainable prices for resources and services based on transparent and cost-based pricing models
- **Scholarly Sharing:** Allowing libraries to lend and borrow materials to each other across formats
- **Knowledge Building:** Supporting author's rights to copyright and prioritizing agreements that commit to open access
- **Accessibility:** Prioritizing resources that meet accessibility and universal design principles for equitable access for all users
- **Collection Analysis and Data Mining:** Supporting researcher needs to perform data analysis across large collections of research articles at no additional cost
- **Privacy:** Protecting users' rights to privacy, ensuring data security, and preventing unauthorized use of user data
- **Colorado Community:** Permitting access onsite to registered users as part of our land-grant mission and access for Coloradoans
- **Transparency:** Eliminating license terms that restrict transparency, such as non-disclosure or confidentiality clauses, or that violate state regulations on open records.