

**REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY
BOARD CONCERNING OPEN
SOURCE PUBLISHING**

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REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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Premise: the current model of faculty publishing is not sustainable.

There is a discussion among the “Ivies Plus” to experiment with open access models of publishing.

This discussion is made more important by current economic challenges, reflected locally by a reduction in the materials budget for the Cornell University Library.

Faculty Senate- May 11, 2005

“The Senate strongly encourages all faculty, especially tenured faculty, to consider publishing in open access, rather than restricted access, Journals or in reasonably priced journals that make their contents openly accessible shortly after publication.”

Library Board- February 23, 2009

Supported a proposal by the University Librarian to provide limited funding, \$25,000, if matched by the Provost's office, to start a fund for Cornell authors who submit work to an open access publication.

Library Board, February 23, 2009

Questions arise:

Who will determine the actual course of dispensing these funds?

How will submitted publications be judged as “suitable” for this endeavor?

What if the designated funds prove insufficient?

Propose consideration of how oversight may be implemented by the Faculty working in collaboration with the Library and the Provost.

Work within current framework of the Library Board or generate additional faculty membership on a committee specifically designated to provide open access oversight.

At present these are discussion points intended to alert the Faculty to open access initiatives and to initiate appropriate reflection from the Faculty Senate.

Other issues- Library Board

Budget, the economy, and more economy!!

Olin Library renovation and life safety issues.

Collaborations with other library systems
(Columbia University) to avoid purchase
redundancy.

New Library Gateway.