

## Open Access to Research Task Force

### Open Forum

Thursday, 11/13/14

### Minutes

Committee members in attendance: Michael Lorenzen, Linda Zellmer, Rose McConnell, Dale Adkins, James Schmidt

Michael welcomed everyone (four people attended at the Macomb campus, 1 person attended in the QC). Handouts with the proposed policy and the link to the open access website were provided to those attending. Linda Zellmer did a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the law, the committee's charge and conclusions. This PowerPoint was also uploaded to the website:

<http://wiu.libguides.com/OAWIU> prior to the meeting.

### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Q/C:** Jim McQuillan (Computer Science) had concerns regarding “work in progress” on page 33, item 6, of the report. It talks about issues with the evaluation process, “Some rapidly changing fields, such as Computer Sciences, count an in-progress scholarship medium, such as a refereed conference proceedings publication, as equivalent to a final journal publication, while other departments do not count work in-progress. Most departments have a weighted system for counting in-progress work.” He stated that in Computer Science refereed conference publications are not work-in-progress, they are completed work. Refereed conference proceedings are often equally prestigious to refereed journal publications and they can be even more prestigious than refereed journal publications. Computer Science is a fast changing area and by the time it takes for a journal publication to come out it could be obsolete. Computer Scientists tend to go for refereed conference publications. These are not works in progress; they often require a lot of research and are refereed. Similar references are made on page 34, 35, and 38. Another concern he had was with the information in the table on page 28, “Scholarly Activities of Schools and Departments at Western Illinois University.” The number of articles under Computer Science seems low. He would think that the number listed does not count refereed conference presentation. Linda noted that this was what was turned in for the author bibliography. It does not get filtered. He asked if we could get these other areas corrected by removing the connection to computer sciences when referring to “work-in-progress”.

**A:** Michael indicated that we will be making these edits before our final task force meeting on November 19. The updated document will be uploaded to the website following our final open forum on November 18.

**Q/C:** Chuck Malone (University Libraries) mentioned that whenever he has written an article the first thing that the publisher does is send him a copyright form that gives the publisher rights to the document. The simplest procedure would be to opt out of the program. What would be the alternatives for someone if they wanted to work with the publisher to get their article included in a repository?

**A:** Linda indicated that many publishers (67%) allow authors to post-print after an embargo period. Another option – some institutions have put together author addenda where authors can state they reserve the rights, but authors need to work with the publishers on this.

Jim noted that one of the things the committee talked about was regarding items that are protected and the publisher won't allow inclusion into repositories. In these cases, the author can put a link to the

actual work location.

Michael thanked to everyone for attending. Sorry for any technical difficulties we had with the QC connection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lora Adcock, Recording secretary