

Purdue Graduate Student Senate

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“Open Access”

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Recommendation:
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WHEREAS

Purdue University is a Land-Grant University with a mission and duty of disseminating knowledge and education to the public; and

WHEREAS

The Purdue University Libraries already have a free, online, open-access repository, e-Pubs (<http://www.purdue.edu/epubs>), for scholars to submit their work to that also allows tracking of the number of downloads of articles and the locations of downloads of the articles; and

WHEREAS

Universities that adopt open access policies may gain competitive advantages, potentially in increasing citations and certainly in promoting usage of research beyond the academy and internationally¹; and

WHEREAS

Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford School of Education, Duke University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University and the University of Kansas (a public school) have all adopted policies that ‘encourage or require’ their faculty to deposit their publications in the institutional digital research repository;

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, on behalf of graduate students at Purdue University, West Lafayette recommends that the Graduate School at Purdue University and Purdue University adopt a policy that advances and supports deposit to the Purdue e-Pubs digital repository all scholarly articles published by Purdue faculty and graduate students, thereby enabling open access in addition to and beyond the published, citable article;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, on behalf of graduate students at Purdue University, West Lafayette recommends that the Graduate School at Purdue University adopt a policy that advances and supports deposit to the Purdue e-Pubs digital repository all theses and dissertations published by Purdue graduate students, thereby enabling open access in addition to and beyond the published, citable article.

¹ Davis, P. M. Open access, readership, citations: a randomized controlled trial of scientific journal publishing. *FASEB J.* March 30, 2011 fj.11-183988. <<http://www.fasebj.org/content/early/2011/03/29/fj.11-183988>>