

Communication from the Committee on Equal Opportunity

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To: Rich Schneider, Chair, Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication

Cc: Todd Giedt, Executive Director

From: Linda Centore, Chair, Committee on Equal Opportunity

Dear Chair Schneider,

Thank you for discussing the Open Access 2020 initiative and its Expression of Interest recently with the Committee on Equal Opportunity (EQOP). A central focus of EQOP is reviewing the status of underrepresented groups within its jurisdiction. Special care is taken when assessing and supporting campus initiatives that strengthen inclusion, access and equality among these groups.

Open Access 2020 introduces a publishing model that removes barriers and increases access to articles impacting underrepresented groups. Policy makers, scholars and the general public benefit from real time, open access to content that is limited under the current subscription-based publishing model.

To that end, EQOP affirms its support for the Open Access 2020 initiative and adding UCSF as a signatory to the initiative's Expression of Interest. UCSF should have a seat at the table as the Open Access 2020 initiative is crafted and a new publishing model is implemented.

Sincerely,



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