2021 - 2022 Faculty Senate Committee Chair Report: Scholarly Communications

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List the dates your committee met:
1. October 6, 2021
2. February 14, 2022

List and describe briefly your major accomplishments for the year:
1. Committee met on October 6, 2021
   a. We welcomed new members, provided an introduction to the committee, reviewed last year’s committee work, and discussed priorities for the 2021-2022 year. Areas brought up included:
      i. Open educational resources (OER) and lowering the cost of course materials for students
      ii. Online access challenges for students, in terms of lacking internet connectivity and/or equipment for attending online classes and managing online assignment
iii. Need for support in evaluating scholarly products and artifacts that are not journal articles or books, re: how to express the value of these products for P&T processes and to administrators.

iv. **Field-Weighted Citation Impact** - interest/need in this area, especially as a metric to include in grant applications. This is a subscription-based tool (from Elsevier), used to evaluate performance of faculty in certain areas of research.

v. Discussion of library purchasing of resources (journals and big deals).

vi. Interest in gathering publicly-available data sets for use by UNCG researchers. The library has hired a new Data Services Librarian who will help support data needs on campus.

2. Committee met on February 14, 2022
   a. Anna provided an update on open access publishing/funding support from the University Libraries:
      i. OA publishing support: [https://go.uncg.edu/oa](https://go.uncg.edu/oa)
         1. Wiley: APC waivers
         2. Cambridge University Press: APC waivers
         3. IGI Global: APC waivers
         4. SAGE: 10% APC discount
         5. MDPI: 10% APC discount
         6. Questions? Ask Anna: arcraft@uncg.edu
      ii. OA Publishing Fund: [https://go.uncg.edu/oapf](https://go.uncg.edu/oapf)
         1. Awards of up to $1500 available per applicant per year, to help offset APC costs (application/review process required)
         2. Questions? Ask Christine Fischer: cmfische@uncg.edu
      iii. OER support: [https://uncg.libguides.com/oer](https://uncg.libguides.com/oer)
         1. Previous OER mini-grants have offered a $1,000 stipend for adoption of materials to lower the costs of course materials for students.
         2. This year’s grants will offer additional levels of support, but full details are not yet available. More info about OER mini-grants will be shared in March. Anna will send this to the committee when it is available.
         3. Questions? Ask Melody Rood: mlrood@uncg.edu
   b. Tim Bucknall, Assistant Dean in the University Libraries, provided an update on library renovation planning and the potential impact on collections, followed by discussion and Q&A with the committee members.

3. The committee voted online regarding chairship for the 2022-2023 academic year. Anna Craft was elected to serve as chair.

**List any action items for future consideration if applicable**
1. Continued effort toward education and spreading awareness of scholarly communications, open access, and open educational resources (OER) support on campus