

BFA Executive Committee Notice of Motion
Resolution in Support of Libraries Licensing Priorities
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Whereas a lack of state funding results in a limited campus budget for operating and general funds; and

Whereas ongoing subscription costs and inflationary increases for library resources outpace budget needs; and

Whereas publishers rely on uncompensated or minimally compensated academic labor in the form of authorship, peer review, and editorship in the creation of journals and content; and

Whereas publishers levy Article Processing Charges (APCs) on authors in addition to the subscription fees paid by the Libraries; and

Whereas publishers restrict authors' abilities to share their articles openly with other researchers and with the public at large, contrary to our goals as a public institution and the advancement of science and dissemination of scholarly research;

Whereas publishers use non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) or confidentiality clauses to obscure contractual terms with universities and hinder free, transparent negotiations; and

Whereas publishers leverage profits to exert control over key tools for managing the research lifecycle and scholarly communications; and

Whereas publishers use institutional data as business intelligence to create additional subscription content or services; therefore

Be it Resolved that the Boulder Faculty Assembly endorse the Libraries Licensing Priorities as follows:

University of Colorado Boulder Libraries Licensing Priorities

The Boulder Faculty Assembly resolves to support University Libraries in their commitment to seamlessly connecting people with the highest quality information and expertise. University Libraries practice responsible stewardship by advocating for equitable information production, discovery, and access. Their and expectations for licensed resources to our stakeholders and vendors.

In keeping with these values University Libraries have identified qualities that our resources should embody:

