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Re: UCOLASC Endorsement of “*Negotiating Journal Agreements at UC: A Call to Action*”

Dear Scott,

On behalf of the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC), we are writing to report that UCOLASC has resolutely and unanimously endorsed (12-0) *Negotiating Journal Agreements at UC: A Call to Action*, which is a framing document that was authored by the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC).

As you know, UCOLASC has endorsed its own [Declaration of Rights and Principles](#) that we feel has great potential to transform scholarly communication from a system that remains closed and unaffordable, to one that is more open, fair, transparent, and sustainable. Likewise, UCOLASC has voiced enthusiastic support for the [Pathways to OA](#) that was recently produced by the UC Council of University Librarians (CoUL) and that charts a clear course for how UC can help make the products of our research and scholarship as freely and widely available as possible by investing in a range of open access (OA) strategies. Because these aforementioned efforts by both UCOLASC and CoUL are thoroughly contextualized and embraced within the SLASIAC *Call to Action*, UCOLASC firmly believes that UC can now deploy a fully vetted and strong consensus set of priorities to guide its upcoming and future journal license negotiations with publishers.

UCOLASC has endorsed the SLASIAC *Call to Action* to signal our collective commitment to advance the public [mission](#) of UC, and to leverage faculty backing to ensure that UC spends taxpayer money in the most ethically, morally, and socially-responsible way when entering into journal agreements with publishers. Our expectation is that UC will rely on the UCOLASC *Declaration of Rights and Principles*, CoUL *Pathways to OA*, and SLASIAC *Call to Action*, to push aggressively for terms and conditions in publisher agreements that are truly transformative and closely aligned with our short- and long-term goals for scholarly communication.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Schneider, **Chair**

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