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DATE: March 12, 2020

TO: Lisa Nichols, Assistant Director for Academic Engagement
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FROM: Henning Bohn, Chair 
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RE: **OSTP Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed
Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting from Federally
Funded Research**

Open access to scholarly research publications has been affirmed as a fundamental policy at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). UCSB's Academic Senate Committee on Library, Information and Instructional Resources, in coordination with the UCSB Library administration, has taken the lead in promoting open access research publication. We are aligned with systemwide UC faculty in this aim, and subscribe to the 2013 Academic Senate Open Access Policy and the Academic Council's endorsement of *Declaration of Rights and Principles to Transform Scholarly Communication*. UCSB faculty, aligned with faculty throughout the University of California system, are critical leaders of UC's pursuit of open access transformation.

With respect to the OSTP Request for Information on public access to scholarly publications, UCSB's Faculty, through the Santa Barbara Division of the UC Academic Senate, support a zero-embargo policy for author-accepted manuscripts. Such a policy will help further UC's mission to serve society and provide benefits through the transmission of research and knowledge.

We thank you for considering this request.

cc: Debra Blake, Executive Director, Academic Senate