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# Open Access Policy for the University of Rhode Island.

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UNIVERSITY  
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Serial Number #12-13 -29

TO: President David Dooley

FROM: Peter Larsen, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Open Access Policy for the University of Rhode Island, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 21, 2013.
3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective April 11, 2013, three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Governors for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

March 22, 2013  
(date)

  
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Peter Larsen  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

- a. Approved .
- b. Approved subject to notice to the Board of Governors \_\_\_\_.
- c. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors \_\_\_\_.
- d. Disapproved \_\_\_\_.

5.2.13  
(date)

  
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President

FACULTY SENATE

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On March 21, 2013, the Faculty Senate of the University of Rhode Island approved the following Open Access Policy proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Open Access as recommended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

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The University Libraries may make the article available to the public in an open-access repository. The Faculty Senate Library Committee will be responsible for developing an implementation plan for this policy that has faculty interests in mind, interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes to the Faculty Senate. The policy will be reviewed after three years and a report presented to the Faculty Senate.