

UNITED UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Committee Name: TECHNOLOGY ISSUES COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: RICHARD HARDING

Meeting Date: 2/11/07

Meeting Site: Lodge Room - Desford Hotel - WINTER DA

Meeting Began At: 10:30 AM

Meeting Adjourned At: 11:50 AM

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List members of the committee in attendance (or check off attendance on a copy of the committee list and attach): _____

See attendance sheet attached

List invited guests in attendance: See guest sign in sheet attached

List any officer(s), committee chair(s) or other person(s) in the Administrative Office who should receive a copy of this report: _____

Next Meeting Date: SPR 07 DA

Time: From 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Proposed Meeting Location: _____

Special Arrangements Required: Room w/ table + ~ 15 chairs

Richard H. Harding
Signature of Committee Chair

2/11/07
Date

In the space below, list the agenda items addressed at this meeting. In the second column describe the main points of the discussion on each of those items, and in the third column describe the actions taken or recommendations made by the committee. If your committee has a resolution to submit to the Executive Board and/or the Delegate Assembly please complete the separate "Committee Resolution Form" or type your resolution and send it to the UUP Secretary. In order to be placed on the Executive Board agenda, an item must be received by the UUP Secretary no later than sixteen days prior to the applicable Executive Board meeting.

Agenda Item or Topic of Discussion:	Main Points of Discussion:	Action Taken/Recommendations/Follow Up:
1. Open Access to Scholarly Literature by David Solomonoff SUNY HSB BROOKLYN.	1. David presented draft resolution for committee endorsement. This will likely be put up AT Spr 07 DA. (see attached)	1. Resolution discussed... several changes were suggested by committee - particularly concerning "Peer Reviewed Journal" usage. David was receptive + will circulate revised resolution once change recommendations are included.
2. Technology + inadequate funding for new + on-going initiatives	2. This seems to be a system-wide technology problem. Shortages exist in staff funding; bandwidth; and faculty support for the growing number of on-line courses at all hours of day + night.	2. Management continues to embrace new programs with "volunteers" rather than adequate additional resourcing. Our members may be part of the problem by working outside their programs w/o adequate compensation. Better detailed
3.	3.	3. Resource planning must be included as management + our members continue to embrace + implement new technologies in every aspect of the SUNY community. Educating both our members + management needs to happen to minimize the negative impact this is having.
3.3. Hard drive Security	3.3. Computers are being exchanged frequently w/o having the harddrives being properly purged. This presents security concerns as often sensitive info is being potentially compromised.	3.3. Member education in this area is needed. The committee feels this is an overlooked area that needs both member + management attention.
3.4. Outsourcing	3.4. On-line teaching and its technical support is leading toward outsourcing much of this technical support either off-campus or outside our bargaining unit. This trend is <u>not</u> UUP member friendly.	3.4. Outsourcing as described has potential to erode the bargaining unit. Committee members were asked to investigate the extent of this on their campuses + set back to committee at Spr 07 DA.
6.	6.	6.
7. CHAIR REMARKS: Excellent meeting with participation by all members. Members seem to understand the scope of the committee charge + stayed within that charge. The Hard drive Security issue (#3 above) is alarming; perhaps recommendations to our members from UUP Central on steps they can take to protect themselves when exchanging computers would be in order. I believe we have the tech support to re-search this + make a recommendation.	7.	7.

Committee Sign-In Sheet

For Committee Member ONLY: Complete the sign-in sheet for attendance and EOL time. For members of multiple committees, please list the EOL time taken on one form ONLY.

Committee: Technology Issues Committee (A)

Date: 2/9/2007

Name	Campus	Email	Attending? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are you charging EOL for this meeting? Yes or No	If Yes, how much EOL time will you report? (1/4 day, 1/2 day, 1 day, etc...)
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Proposed UUP Resolution for Open Access to Scholarly Literature
David Solomonoff, Library Systems Manager, SUNY HSB, Brooklyn

purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the Internet itself.

The only constraint on reproduction and distribution, and the only role for copyright in this domain, should be to give authors control over the integrity of their work and the right to be properly acknowledged and cited.

Whereas:

It is essential that SUNY libraries provide the broadest possible access to scholarly literature and are able to enhance and maintain the quality of SUNY's library collections for teaching and research. However, the libraries in the SUNY system face serious financial constraints caused by reductions in State funding and the escalating prices of journals over many years.

Whereas:

Current journal costs are unsustainable and the current business models and marketing strategies of commercial publishers bear significant responsibility for those trends.

Be it resolved that:

The UUP encourages SUNY librarians, faculty and researchers to explore and support alternatives to publishing scholarship with commercial publishers. To further this end:

Faculty and researchers should self-archive their papers and encourage colleagues to do so. The SUNY Office of Library and Information Services has established a institutional repository <<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/dpace.htm>> to collect, manage, maintain and disseminate the intellectual output associated with SUNY. It contains article pre-prints, post-prints, other working papers, electronic journals, visual resources, theses, dissertations, resources in other data formats, etc. The SUNY Digital Repository is designed to provide this type of online infrastructure for the SUNY institutions that don't have their own repository on campus.

Whenever possible, papers should be published in journals that provide open access to all the articles they publish. If no such journals exist in their field they should be encouraged to help launch new journals committed to open access.

Existing journals should be encouraged to offer open access to their contents, for example, by offering to serve as editor or reviewer only for journals committed to open access.

If a faculty member or researcher withdraws their services as editor or reviewer from a journal because of its restrictive access policies, they should let it know why and consider writing an open letter to let the wider world know.

Foundations funding research should be encouraged to provide the funds to cover the costs, if any, of publishing work in an open access journal.

Hiring and promotion policies should give proper weight to peer-reviewed publications regardless of their medium (print or electronic) or their cost (priced or free). Employees and job candidates should be

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Note: I referred to the following resources in writing this resolution:

Budapest Open Access Initiative
<http://www.soros.org/openaccess/read.shtml>

Open Archives Initiative, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
<http://www.openarchives.org/documents/FAQ.html>

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 0304-06R, "Albany Faculty Action Needed to Secure Access to Journals at an Affordable Price for SUNY Faculty and Students," April 19, 2004
http://www.albany.edu/senate/senate_bill_0304-06r.html

UUP Working Papers: "Open Access and SUNY: How New Forms of Publication are Transforming Scholarly Communication," John Schumacher, System Administration, November 2005
<http://www.uupinfo.org/research/working/schumacher.pdf>

SPARC®, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
<http://www.arl.org/sparc/index.html>

Proposed Federal Research Public Access Act
http://cornyn.senate.gov/doc_archive/05-02-2006_COE06461_xml.pdf

Whereas:

Scholars publish their research to share new knowledge and promote innovation and learning -- most often without expectation of payment. The broadest possible access to scholarly literature is vital to all members of the academic community. This literature includes peer-reviewed journal articles as well as unreviewed preprints that they might wish to put online for comment or to alert colleagues to important research findings.

However, scholars, librarians and academic administrators increasingly agree that our current system of scholarly communication is largely controlled by commercial publishers for their substantial financial gain -- and is having severe negative budgetary consequences for universities and libraries. Escalating costs of academic journals and books are making many of these products unaffordable -- putting our current system of scholarly communication in peril.

Further, even as the Internet creates new opportunities for the dissemination of knowledge, commercial publishers increasingly seek to restrict electronic access to their publications to further increase their profits.

Whereas:

Many kinds of wider and easier access to this literature are now possible with new technologies made possible by the Internet. It is now possible to make scholarly literature available on the public Internet, permitting users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful

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made aware of this policy.

Be it further resolved that:

Research that has been publicly funded should be made available to the public free of charge.