TO: The Executive Committee and Academic Senate

FROM: The Committee on Research

SUBJECT: 18-19 CR 3: Formation of a Faculty Author Rights Task Force

PURPOSE: For approval by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Executive Committee approve the formation of this proposed task force as a special subcommittee of CR

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
Last year, it was brought to the attention of CR that CSU East Bay faculty would like to increase university support for open access publishing and faculty author rights retention. Open access is the “free, immediate, online availability of research articles coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment” (SPARC). Open access can be attained via two primary paths, publishing in an open access journal (Gold) and retaining copyright to your work and posting a copy of the article to an institutional or subject repository (Green). Following discussion in CR, it was established that there is some misinformation about open access, particularly the Gold model. CR instead decided to pivot towards exploring a faculty author rights retention policy that follows the Green open access model. Such policies have been successfully adopted by faculty at Harvard, the UC System, and many other research institutions, and CSU Fullerton Academic Senate is currently in the process of approving such a policy.

Faculty members Vanessa Yingling (Kinesiology) and Lana Wood (Library) were invited to present to CR on open access publishing and faculty author rights retention in spring quarter 2018 and fall semester 2018. They have both agreed to serve on this task force.

TASK FORCE CHARGE:
This task force shall draft a policy and supporting documentation on faculty author rights retention via the Green open access model.

TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP:
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Jeffra Bussmann (CR member, Library)
Brian Gonsalves (CR member, Psychology)
Lana Wood (Faculty, Library)
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