

Adopted by the Faculty Senate at its meeting on 7 March 2005

**Faculty Senate Resolution in Support of Accessible Scholarly and Scientific Publication
Submitted by the University Library Committee**

Whereas, the commercialization of academic publishing threatens to undermine the research enterprise and the dissemination of knowledge to society, and

Whereas, as journal costs spiral out of reach, many scholars, researchers, students, and Wisconsin citizens are being cut off from vital knowledge resources, and

Whereas, as the university becomes less able to afford access to commercial journals and databases, the University of Wisconsin-Madison must, therefore, become less dependent on commercial information systems as the means of accessing and disseminating research and scholarship, and

Whereas, consequently, faculty and academic staff researchers—particularly those publishing in science, technology, engineering and medicine—must take action to ensure that their works are accessible to advance research and learning, and specifically should consider publishing their research articles in:

- Affordable not-for-profit journals published by professional societies and associations;
- Peer-reviewed “open access” journals and databases; and/or
- “Self-archiving” their works in information repositories supported by research institutions and professional societies.

Therefore be it resolved that the University of Wisconsin-Madison Faculty Senate supports and encourages the efforts of the campus libraries to control the cost of journals while maintaining high-quality research collections, and urges both the library and faculty to support alternatives to commercial ownership and management of scholarly and scientific publication.