Proposed Policy for Open Access to Faculty Publications

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Motivation for Policy

• Research Council endorsed in fall 2015 with goal to:
  – Improve and support making scholarly articles written by faculty openly available
  – Protect faculty rights to re-use their own articles
  – Comply with OA mandates from funding agencies
  – Scores of institutions have adopted OA policies, including: Harvard, MIT, Univ. California (entire system), U Kansas, U Minnesota, Ga Tech, IUPUI, U Arizona, U Rhode Island
Open Access Policies Adopted the Past Ten Years
How Will This Benefit Faculty?

- Protects faculty rights to distribute and re-use your scholarly articles, including figures and text, without negotiating with or paying a fee to a journal publisher

- Increases visibility of faculty work through deposit in ScholarWorks Repository which the University Libraries manage
Impact on Faculty

• Do I have to publish in an open access Journal?
  – No – you may publish wherever you want/need to

• What do I do if my publisher rejects this policy?
  – Simply complete the waiver form though most publishers are aware of and accept open access policies
How Will It Be Implemented?

• The University Libraries have been asked to take the lead by:
  
  – Proactively notifying publishers about the policy once endorsed, making it unnecessary for faculty to individually notify them
  
  – Working with other campus units to streamline the submission process
  
  – Working with the Office of Research to ensure funders’ compliance requirements are met
Many faculty may be familiar with NIH’s open access requirements for funded research. Now, **ALL US federal agencies** are establishing open access requirements -- USDA, Defense, EPA, NOAA, CDC, Energy, NEH -- all. More and more countries, and private funders, are requiring open access to papers. The UMass policy lets us help you stay in compliance with all the policies, no matter how they change.
Questions?