

February 19, 2013

Mr. Kenneth Swalagin  
University Senate  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
ASB III, Suite 110  
Cook/Douglass Campus

Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I am writing in response to the Report and Recommendations on Charge S-1107, on Publication Repository, as adopted by the University Senate on October 19, 2012. I thank the members of the Senate's Research and Graduate and Professional Education Committee (RGPEC) and its Open Access Subcommittee for their careful examination of this important topic.

I am pleased to accept the Senate's recommendation to adopt an Open Access Policy at Rutgers. To that end, I am asking University Counsel to review the draft policy and make recommendations to Executive Vice President Edwards and me for a final policy to be placed in the University Policy Library. Further, I am asking Dr. Edwards to assign the work of developing an implementation plan that addresses the items enumerated in the Senate resolution to a new or existing committee. It is important for Rutgers, as a major public research university, to be among those universities promoting the sharing of scholarship in pursuit of the advancement of knowledge.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Barchi

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Leslie Fehrenbach, Secretary of the University  
Wendell Pritchett, Chancellor, Camden Campus  
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