SUNY Oswego Open Access Policy Proposal
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Preamble
The faculty and staff of the State University of New York at Oswego are committed to disseminating and sharing their research, scholarship, and creative works. We recognize the need to share our work with peers as well as the general public, and the benefits that result from this sharing such as visibility in online search engines, journal websites, and online repositories. We also recognize the need to develop a campus Open Access Policy in response to the SUNY Board of Trustees Campus Open Access Policies Memo of March 2018.

Summary
This Open Access Policy allows SUNY Oswego Authors to maintain legal control over their research articles while making their work freely and widely available to the public. The policy does not require SUNY Oswego Authors to publish in open access journals, or to pay fees or charges to publish. The policy instructs SUNY Oswego Authors to deposit a version of each article in a digital repository. The deposited work will be made freely and openly available to the public. Items that cannot be shared will not be posted to the institutional repository.

Scope
This policy covers scholarly articles, or the kinds of writings typically published in peer-reviewed scholarly journals and conference proceedings. The policy does not cover scholarly writings that generate royalties (textbooks, monographs) or writings not considered scholarly in the field (op-ed pieces, popular articles).

The policy applies to scholarly articles published while the author is an employee of SUNY Oswego. Articles completed before the adoption of this policy and articles for which the employee has entered into an incompatible licensing agreement are excluded.

Procedure
SUNY Oswego Authors will provide a full-text, electronic copy of their article at no charge to Penfield Library, after the article is published by the primary academic publisher. Penfield Library will make the scholarly article available to the public in an open access digital repository, respecting all embargoes and restrictions by the primary academic publisher.

For each scholarly article deposited in the institutional repository, the author grants to SUNY Oswego nonexclusive permission to make that scholarly work freely and openly available to the public.
If an author deposits an article in the SUNY Oswego repository and later learns that the posting is in violation of the policy of the publisher of the article, Penfield Library will remove the article from the SUNY Oswego repository at the author’s request.

This policy does not transfer copyright ownership, which remains with the SUNY Oswego Author and as specified in the Copyright and Faculty Ownership of Intellectual Property (http://system.suny.edu/academic-affairs/faculty/faculty-ownership/) and in the SUNY Board of Trustees Policies on Patents, Inventions, and Copyright Policy (http://system.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/academic-affairs/Board-of-Trustees-Policies---Patents,-Inventions-and-Copyright.pdf).

Review

This policy will be reviewed after three years, with a report presented to the SUNY Oswego Faculty Assembly.