Presidential Open Access Policy Review
Comment Summary

Policy draft and cover letter: http://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/academic-personnel-policy/policies-under-review/uc-open-access-policy.html

Comments from:

- Academic Senate: Ten Senate divisions and five systemwide committees (CCGA, UCAP, UCFW, UCOLASC, and UCORP) submitted comments
- California Digital Library (CDL)
- Council of University Librarians (CoUL)
- Systemwide Library and Scholarly Communication Advisory Committee (SLASIAC)
- Labor Relations (reporting no response from unions)
- 4 campuses: Irvine, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Cruz

Concerns:

1. Scope – people: Extent it applies to graduate student employees; non-academic staff; non-compensated members of the UC community; work started or ended when not at employed at UC; joint-authorship; and “extracurricular” work.
2. Scope – “scholarly articles”: Clarify whether theses and dissertations would be included (among other works).
3. Administrative burden on non-Senate faculty.
4. Implications of copyright ownership and lack thereof.
5. Need to deposit work even when granted a waiver (and is it encouraged or required?).
6. Compliance – what are the consequences for not complying? Who will enforce the policy, and how?
8. General concerns about publisher policies and agreements, and the policy having an undue influence on authors’ publishing decisions.

Other requests:

- Guidance on interaction with other Open Access requirements, such as NIH.
- Clear FAQ on procedures, rights & responsibilities, copyright concerns, etc.
- Some comments mentioned a “default” embargo period.
- Some said the “opt-out” option is too lenient & weakens the policy (but others would prefer an “opt-in” policy.
- Some seemed to be conflating “green” Open Access (the policy) with “gold” Open Access where there is often article processing charge.