

December 14, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair

Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: John Levin, Chair

Committee on Academic Freedom

Re: Open Access 2020 Proposal

The Committee on Academic Freedom considered the Open Access 2020 Proposal and is in favor of UCR signing the Expression of Interest in order to participate in the discussions regarding this movement. However, the committee stresses that any potential implementation process should ensure that academic freedom is protected and that discrimination is avoided. For instance, faculty should not be compelled to make a choice of where to publish based on the cost to publish in the journal rather than the quality of the journal.