




PLANNING & BUDGET

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To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Christian Shelton, Chair 
Committee on Planning and Budget

RE: Open Access 2020 Proposal

Planning & Budget (P&B) is in support of the principle of Open Access and feels that it has the potential to alleviate cost burdens currently born by Universities. P&B also feels it is important that UCR is part of discussions to make this happen.

This document does not make clear what open access principles are being proposed or what the goals of the proposal are. Nor does it take into account transition costs. There are not enough details on the cost considerations, how they would be funded, or a discussion of what the relevant questions are at this stage. Discipline specific differences are ignored in the proposal but are important to framing solutions. Future impacts on publishing and current sectors are not discussed.