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Whereas the faculty of Southern Illinois University Carbondale are committed to widening the dissemination of its scholarship and research while simultaneously maintaining its high quality;

Whereas Open Access publishing of journal articles shows potential to decrease budgetary pressures on library acquisitions and to increase the availability and access to research and scholarship, especially when such models are adopted by a large number of universities;

Whereas Open Access publishing also promises to facilitate interdisciplinary inquiry and increase citation rates for faculty scholarship and research in certain areas of specialization, particularly those without a centralized and reliable article indexing service;

Whereas Open Access also provides a platform for publicizing university research and making it freely available to the public thereby creating a useful public relations tool for the University and serve as an example of faculty contribution to social needs, community issues, and local culture;

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Therefore be it also resolved that the Graduate Council and Faculty Senate direct the Library to develop the language for such a license incorporating these principles and to survey and solicit all faculty members for permission.