



**Graduate Professional Council
University of Missouri**

Resolution 1112-02

A Resolution affirming GPC's support of the development of Federal Open Access Policies

WHEREAS, the Graduate Professional Council, to be hereafter referred to as GPC, recognizes that graduate and professional students are frequently engaged in research, scholarly, and entrepreneurial activities that require having access to the most up-to-date research available, and

WHEREAS, access to scholarly journals is necessary for the completion of a graduate or professional degree, and

WHEREAS, Open access (OA) addresses the problem of expensive subscription-based access to journals and publications, and

WHEREAS, Open access has been supported by the MU Libraries in their participation in open access week, and

WHEREAS, when articles are published as open access, anyone can access them for free online, as well as benefit from and build upon the research and knowledge without other intermediaries impeding the sharing of knowledge through financial, technological or other constraints, and

WHEREAS, the United States Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is requesting information on public access to scholarly research and,

WHEREAS, future government legislation regarding public funding of research will have a major impact on students' access to scholarly research, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GPC encourages its Legislative Assembly Representatives to discuss this issue with faculty and graduate students within their departments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that GPC encourages students and faculty to submit their own individual responses in favor of public access, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that GPC will submit a formal response to the OSTP in favor of public access on or before January 2, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

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