

SUNY/Elsevier Negotiations Update (and Impact)

University Senate, Nov. 4th, 2019

Background

- Elsevier
 - Major publisher of scientific and medical content
 - Monopoly over access to high-quality peer reviewed content
- SUNY-wide subscription to ScienceDirect “big deal” package
 - 3,800 journal titles
 - \$9.4M annual cost (already paid \$45M over the life of the contract)
 - SBU and UB cost share of 50%
 - SBU annual downloads of articles - 890K
 - **Current contract expires December 31, 2019**

Negotiations

- SUNY is asking for...
 - Contract should factor in default open access publishing for all SUNY authored OA articles in Elsevier titles
 - In addition to high subscription cost, Elsevier also requires SUNY authors to pay Article Processing Charges (APCs)
 - SUNY authors have paid over \$8.1M in APCs
 - Cost reduction to reflect fair and reasonable pricing of content
- **SUNY UFS passed resolution in full support**
- After 2nd proposal from Elsevier - still more cost increases

We are not alone....

- Other Elsevier “big deal” cancellations
 - University of California System, Florida State University, Louisiana State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Temple University, University of Oklahoma, West Virginia University
 - Several European institutions

IF there is no SUNY deal

- Alternative means of access
 - Open access copy from online repositories such as Unpaywall, PubMed Central, arXiv, bioRxiv, etc.
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Pay per article/Reprint charges
- Perpetual access to older articles (2010 - 2019) for some titles

Informing the SBU community

- Upcoming collaborations/presentations
 - Library Services Committee - Nov. 6th
 - Graduate Student Organization - Nov. 11th
 - SOM Faculty Senate RAAP Committee - Nov. 19th
 - Open Town Hall - Nov. 21st
 - University Senate - Dec. 2nd

- Create website with updates

Thank You!