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!