Open Access at Penn State

Open Access (OA) Basics:

Open Access is the free availability of works on the public internet permitting any users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself.

Open Access (OA) Basics: Different Pathways to OA

Green

- Toll-access works are made available without charge via repository (possibly under an open license)
- Sometimes called "self-archiving

Gold based on Article Processing Charge

- Author pays a fee to publisher and article is made available without charge to readers (possibly under an open license
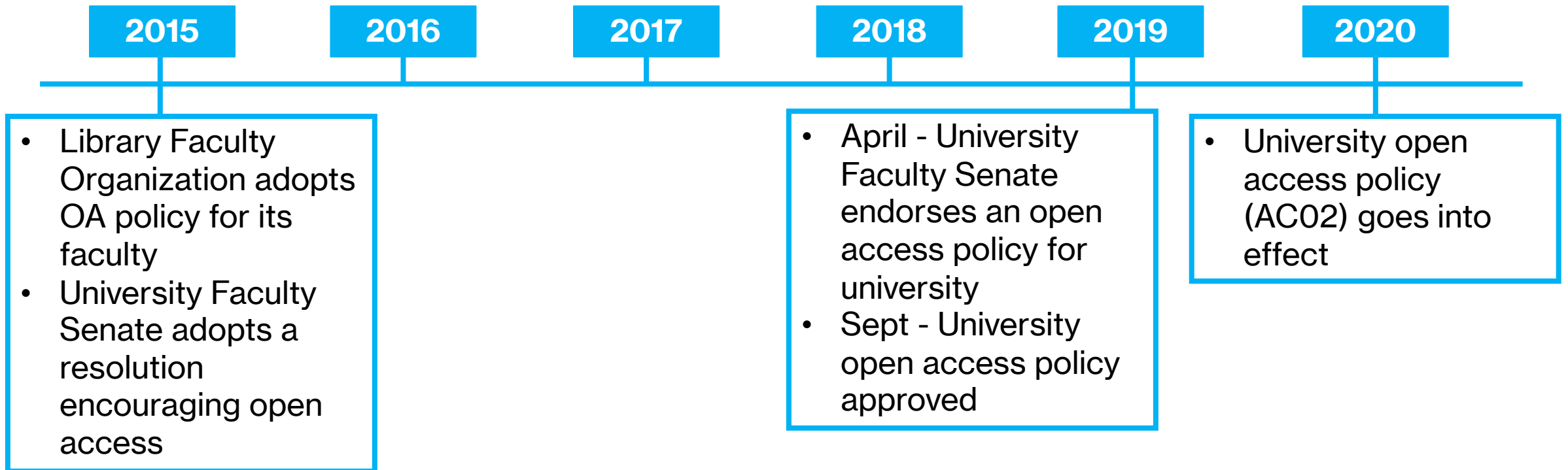
Gold without Article Processing Charge

- Publisher makes article available without charge to reader or author (possibly under an open license)
- Sometimes called "diamond" or "platinum" OA

Default Journal Self-Archiving Policies

	Pre-print	Post-print	Publisher's Version/PDF
AMS journals	Can archive immediately	Can archive after 12 months	Can archive after 12 months
AGU journals	Can archive immediately	Can archive immediately	Can archive in IR or Govt. Repository after 6 months
Nature Climate Change	Can archive immediately	Can archive after 6 months	Cannot archive

- Details on where you can self-archive also vary.
- Information from Sherpa Romeo (sherpa.ac.uk)

OA at Penn State: Timeline

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020

2015
- Library Faculty Organization adopts OA policy for its faculty
- University Faculty Senate adopts a resolution encouraging open access

2018
- April - University Faculty Senate endorses an open access policy for university
- Sept - University open access policy approved

2020
- University open access policy (AC02) goes into effect

AC02: Open Access to Scholarly Articles

- Based on "green" OA
- Applies to "scholarly articles" by "university researchers"
- Grants PSU rights to make copy of article available to the public
- Requires researchers too provide a copy of their post-print to the Libraries to be made publicly available
  - Can satisfy this by depositing to ScholarSphere directly or via the Researcher Metadata Database or Activity Insight, or by using an OA repository or OA publication
- Waivers will be granted automatically to researchers who submit requests at openaccess.psu.edu
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How to make your scholarly articles open?

- [Using the Researcher Metadata Database](#): All members of the Penn State community can use RMD. Penn State users can also act as proxies on behalf of other Penn State users (with the users' approval).
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