

## Report from the Faculty Senate OA Committee

The committee was formed in Spring 2025 to develop a process to allocate the funds that Acting President Monica Torres made available to help offset additional charges our faculty had to finance from Open Access publishing. The process was based on Proposition 07-23/24 as amended by Proposition 05-24/25.

We began accepting applications in the Summer of 2025, with the full rollout of the program in Fall 2025. A summary of our activities as of March 31, 2026, is below.

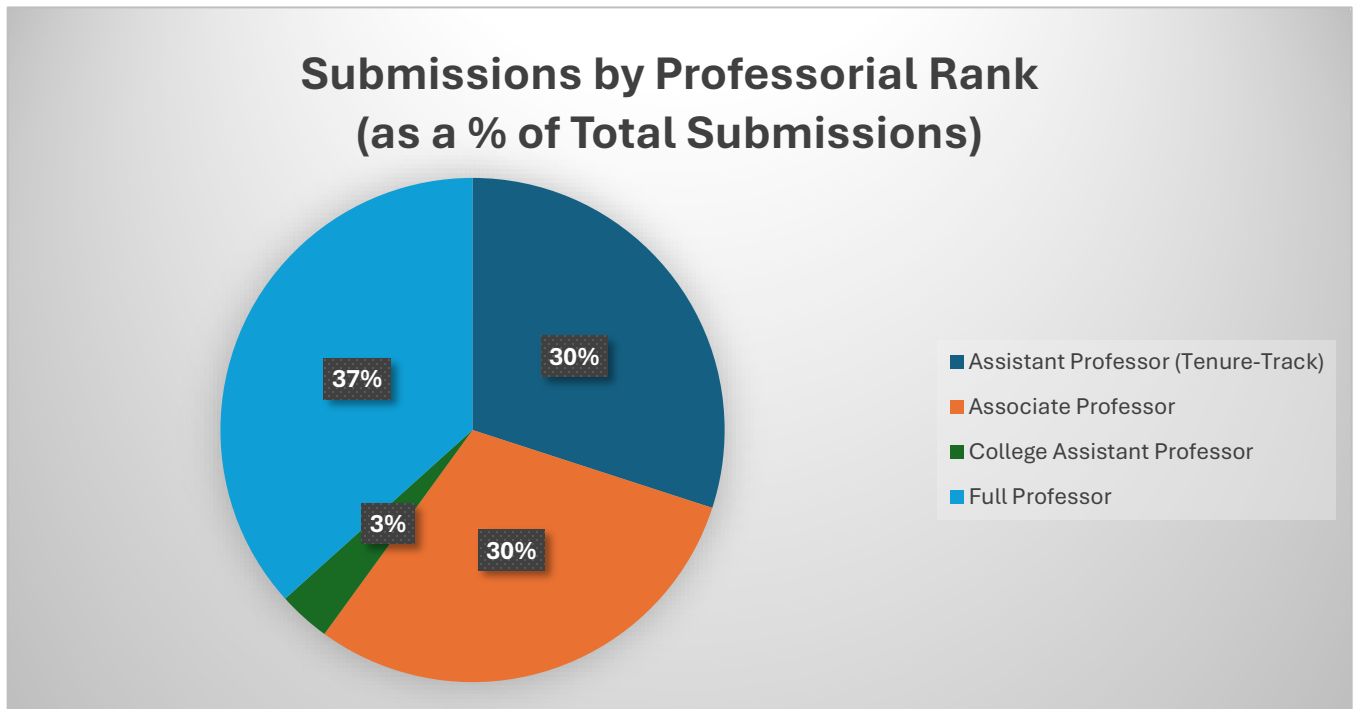
### Total Number of Submissions by College and Status

| College                                                      | Accepted for Reimbursement | Not accepted for Reimbursement | Grand Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| College of Arts and Sciences                                 | 12                         |                                | 12          |
| College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences | 9                          | 1                              | 10          |
| College of Engineering                                       | 3                          | 1                              | 4           |
| College of Health, Education and Social Transformation       | 3                          |                                | 3           |
| College of Business                                          | 1                          |                                | 1           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                           | <b>28</b>                  | <b>2</b>                       | <b>30</b>   |

### Total \$ Reimbursements by College and Status

| College                                                      | Accepted for Reimbursement | Not accepted for Reimbursement | Grand Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| College of Arts and Sciences                                 | \$24,000.00                |                                | \$24,000.00 |
| College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences | \$11,295.00                | \$2,000.00                     | \$13,295.00 |
| College of Engineering                                       | \$6,000.00                 | \$1,560.00                     | \$7,560.00  |
| College of Business                                          | \$2,000.00                 |                                | \$2,000.00  |

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| College of Health, Education and Social Transformation | \$1,600.00         |                   | \$1,600.00         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                     | <b>\$44,895.00</b> | <b>\$3,560.00</b> | <b>\$48,455.00</b> |
| <b>Disbursement % as of Total Funds Available</b>      | <b>44.90%</b>      |                   |                    |



Our first year has not been without issues that we are working to correct. There are some ongoing communication issues that are being worked on as well as confusion on how the funds are disbursed. As with any new process, these issues have been identified and are being corrected.

Moving into our 2<sup>nd</sup> year, our original chairs, Dr. Karen Kopera-Frye and Dr. John Sandstrom have stepped down and Dr. Faruk Arslan and Dr. Abdu Abdelkefi have stepped up.

Moving forward, the need to support open access publishing for our faculty remains critical. We need to address the communication issues we have, perform more outreach, making sure all faculty know this program is available, and making sure regular funding will continue to be available.

On behalf of the committee,

Dr. John Sandstrom  
Outgoing Chair