

UNM Resolution on the Berlin Declaration

Proposed by: Faculty Senate Library Committee

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WHEREAS the widest possible dissemination of research information, scientific knowledge, and cultural heritage is a public good, and

WHEREAS the Internet in conjunction with *Open Access* tools and principles are important factors in promoting such dissemination, and

WHEREAS the Berlin Declaration encourages educational and research organizations to promote open access and to develop the means and ways of effectively employing open access in the research, publication, and promotion and tenure processes, while continuing to value intellectual property and copyright, and

WHEREAS the Berlin 9 Conference scheduled for November 9, 2011 in Washington, DC will be an important opportunity for the host nation to demonstrate widespread support for the Berlin Declaration and open access, and

WHEREAS UNM has the infrastructure to support open access via the institutional repository LoboVault (<http://repository.unm.edu/>), and

WHEREAS the UNM Faculty Senate Library Committee unanimously endorses the principles of the Berlin Declaration

Be it RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of New Mexico endorse the principles of the Berlin Declaration, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate encourages the Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs to sign the Berlin Declaration on behalf of the University of New Mexico.

Text of the Berlin Declaration: <http://is.gd/HTZLr6>

Berlin 9 Open Access Conference: <http://www.berlin9.org/>