

**A Resolution by the Faculty Senate in Support of the
Formation of the Texas Library Coalition for United Action
November 9, 2020**

Whereas, Texas A&M University Libraries has joined a strong and diverse collection of 42 other Texas institutions of higher education to form the Texas Library Coalition for United Action (TLCUA);

Whereas, TLCUA is in negotiations with Elsevier to achieve more equitable license terms for the content the Coalition purchases from Elsevier;

Whereas, the primary source of Elsevier's product is articles produced by academic faculty and edited by academic faculty, including those at Texas A&M University and other TLCUA institutions, often paid for with taxpayer money, which are given with all rights to Elsevier and then resold to the institutions;

Whereas, meaningful reduction in pricing for the product provided by Elsevier is one goal of the negotiations; an equally important goal is the retention of authors' rights to the intellectual content of their works;

Whereas, members of the Coalition are prepared to walk away from negotiations and risk the loss of access to Elsevier current content if there is not progress in achieving the goals of the Coalition;

Whereas, Texas A&M University Libraries are charged with being good stewards of State funds and the taxpayers' money;

Whereas, if negotiations are not successful, the University Libraries is committed to ensuring that there will be no loss of access to material that has already been purchased, and plans are in place to provide timely access to Elsevier content so that research is not adversely affected;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Texas A&M University expresses its support for the efforts of the Texas A&M University Libraries and TLCUA in its negotiations with Elsevier to provide necessary research material in the most cost-effective manner and to support authors' rights to their intellectual property.