**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP (CRS)**

Date: May 8th, 2019

Senators Present: Roger Tobin, Mitch McVey, Brent Cochrane, Misha Eliasziw, and Nirupa Matthan

Ad hoc members: Albert Robbat

Regrets: Rob Jacob, Jette Knudsen, Debra Berlanstein, Gillian Beamer

**Minutes**

**Guest Speakers**:

Dorothy Meaney (Director, Tisch Library)

Martha Kelehan (Assistant Director for Research & Learning, Tisch Library

Judy Rabinowitz (Scholarly Communications Librarian, Hirsh Health Sciences Library)

The Tufts Libraries Scholarly Communications Team were invited back to discuss the proposed Open Access Policy at Tufts. Their goal was to get CRS feedback on the policy and hopefully a recommendation to move forward and bring it to the senate for a vote. While CRS members were broadly in favor of the policy concept and noted that major advantages would be preserving faculty copyright and enhancing readership/accessibility, several concerns were raised. These include faculty burden, lack of investment by Tufts to streamline the process (e.g FIS module), applicability to certain disciplines and issues related to patents, preprints and accessibility of the tufts repository.

The committee recommended that an implementation team be first put in place to discuss these issues. In addition to input from library staff, it was suggested to solicit involvement of faculty from various disciplines, journal editors as well as TTS colleagues. An additional recommendation was to pilot it at one of the schools.

On another matter, some committee members raised concerns related to the ORA to SPA transition. A potential suggestion was to invite RA’s from the various schools to discuss concerns, and to determine if this is a school specific or a broader issue. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.