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#### Credible Journal Working Group in Action!: Collaborating to Create Positive Change in Scholarly Publishing

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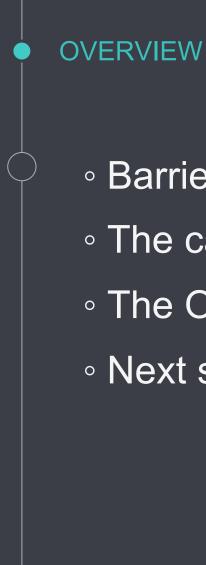
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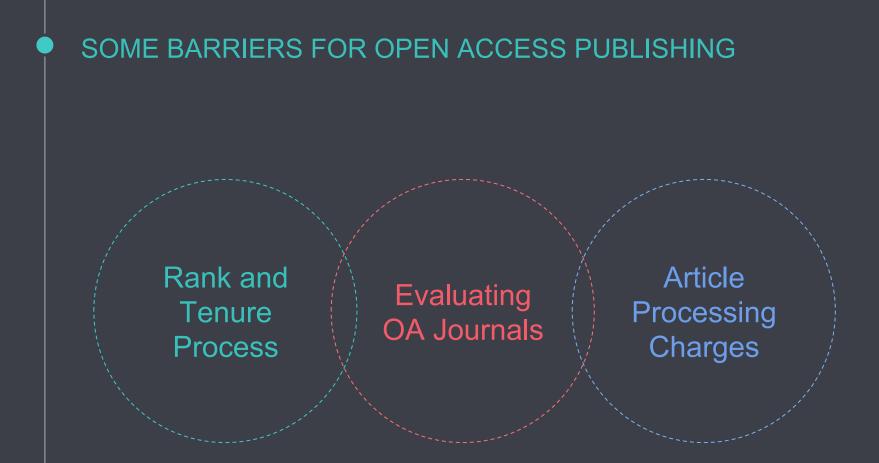
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Barriers to open access publishing
The case for library involvement
The OA journal evaluation rubric

Next steps for the CJC working group

# BARRIERS TO OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING



# THE CASE FOR LIBRARY INVOLVEMENT





Associate Dean reaches out to library with concerns and questions

Assistance with venue selection for publication – library mission

Exercise to build good will on campus

Opportunity to demonstrate value on campus

Convened working group

# OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL EVALUATION RUBRIC

## CREDIBLE JOURNAL CRITERIA WORKING GROUP TIMELINE (SPRING 2015 – 2016)



#### **Literature Review**

Sources on open access publishing



#### Checklist List of "good"/"bad" indicators



**Rubric** List of criteria to evaluate OA journals



#### **Scoring Sheet**

List of criteria to evaluate OA journals with rationale statements



### Office of Assessment

Collaboration to validate our instrument



**Pilot** College of Science and Engineering



Current knowledge/trends in OA publishing

Model for evaluating OA journals

List of criteria for evaluating OA journals

# OA Journal Evaluation Checklist



CRITERION: The copyright information is clearly stated

EVALUATION: Licensing information is available on all published journals (Adapted from DOAJ)

HOW THE LIBRARY WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION: If the copyright information cannot be found then we will assign a red flag

# From checklist to rubric

- Evaluation & Rationale
- Recommendation from Office of Assessment

# OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL EVALUATION RUBRIC

Criteria	Good	Fair	Poor	
Journal Name	The journal name cannot be confused with another journal	The journal has a similar name to another journal but is able to be distinguished between the two	The journal being evaluated is unable to be distinguished from another with a similar name	
Editorial Board	The editorial board is listed with their full names and institutional affiliation	The editorial board is listed with their full names but no institutional affiliation	There is no editorial board listed	
Review Process	The journal states whether it is peer reviewed/edited and has a review policy listed	The journal states whether it is peer reviewed/edited but has no review policy listed	The journal does not state whether it is peer reviewed/edited and has no review policy listed	
Journal Archive	The journal website contains an archive of its past issues with links to full text articles	The journal website contains an archive but it may be incomplete or does not contain links to full text articles	The journal does not have an archive of its past issues	

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Criteria		Fair	Poor
Copyright Information	The journal clearly describes its copyright and licensing information on the journal's Web site, and licensing terms are indicated on the published articles (HTML/PDF)		Copyright and licensing information is not found on the journal's Web site and on any published articles
Web Search for the Publisher	The publisher is within the top 5 entries on the first page of search results and there are no scam alert postings	The publisher is on the first page of search results but not within the top 5 entries and there are no scam alert postings	The publisher is not on the first page of search results or there is at least one scam alert post about the journal
Publisher Information	Information about the ownership/management of the journal and contact information about the publisher is clearly identified		Information about the ownership/management of the journal and contact information about the publisher is not available

# OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL EVALUATION SCORING SHEET

Criteria	Rationale	Rating (3,2,1)	Notes (URL)
Journal Name	We want the journal name to be easily distinguishable from any other journal.		
Editorial Board	We want to be able to know the names and affiliations of the members of the editorial board.		
Review Process	We want to know if the journal is peer reviewed/edited and what the review policy is.		
	GUIDE TO INTERPRETATION	TOTAL	
	Within this range the journal meets many of the OA Journal Evaluation Criteria. At the higher end of the range the journal would be recommended.	48 - 33	
	Within this range the journal meets some of the Open Access Journal Evaluation criteria defined for credibility. The author would need to decide whether or not to publish in the journal.	32 - 17	
	Within this range the journal meets the fewest of the Open Access Journal Evaluation criteria defined for credibility. This journal would not be described as recommended.		

# NEXT STEPS FOR THE CJC WORKING GROUP

# SHORT TERM

- Pilot test
- Introduce to LMU librarians
- Gather feedback

# LONG TERM

- Determine implementation plan
- Promote and make available campus wide

## CREDITS

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#### Websites (LibGuides)

Evaluating Open Access Journals, Western Libraries, <u>http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/evaluatingoa/publisher</u>

OA Journals Quality Indicator, Boston College, <u>http://libguides.bc.edu/journalqual/oajournals</u>

Principles of Transparency and Best Practices in Scholarly Publishing, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), <a href="https://doaj.org/bestpractice">https://doaj.org/bestpractice</a>

Scholarly Communication: Evaluating Journals, Ryerson University, <u>http://learn.library.ryerson.ca/scholcomm/journaleval</u>

Tips for Evaluating Journals, St. Francis Xavier University, http://sites.stfx.ca/library/evaluating\_OA\_journals

#### LMU Resources

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# Thank You! QUESTIONS?

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