

## **Purdue University Senate Update #5 – Board of Trustees Meeting February, 2018**

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### **I. Follow up on Healthy Boiler Initiative**

#### Action Steps:

- Candace Shaffer, Director of Benefits, made a presentation at the last Senate meeting regarding the Healthy Boiler Program.
- Senators were invited to share information with colleagues in their respective units/departments and to encourage faculty to participate.
- We thank the Board of Trustees for supporting this program.

### **II. Follow up on Potential Big Ten Initiative Against Academic Publishing Monopolies**

#### Action Steps:

- Working with Senate Library Committee Members to organize a meeting of representatives from the respective Big Ten senate library committees. Goal is to develop potential action plans to address academic publishing monopolies.
- Senate passed a resolution, introduced by the University Resource Policy Committee, requesting more detailed information from publishers on database usage for the last completed database subscription period, including frequency data showing the number of times individual articles are downloaded for each journal in the database, etc. Goal is to get a better sense of costs/usage and explore potential alternatives and their impact.
- Elsevier continues to blink everywhere else but in the USA. See attached article regarding universities in South Korea and this link for what's happening in Germany since my last report [Germany universities get deal](#)

### **III. Follow up on Kaplan Entity:**

- The University Senate passed a resolution of appreciation for letters of support we received from the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) and more recently from the faculty Senate of Michigan State University regarding our opposition to the Kaplan – Purdue deal as currently envisioned (see letters attached).
- The Indiana Conference of the American Association of University Professors (IC-AAUP) is also supporting our efforts and the leaders of this organization wrote the attached op-ed in the Journal and Courier.
- IC-AAUP also initiated another petition and as of Jan 31st, we have 565 signatures (see [No to Kaplan](#)) This petition will be forwarded to the HLC.
- Met with IC-AAUP leaders and we are coordinating further action.