Status of CUNY Faculty Publications in Disreputable Journals

Since we’ve last met

• Three articles were published in the NY Post regarding predatory publishing and conferences at QCC. Naming two faculty members who have participated in this practice.
• The NY Times, NY Post, CUNY Presidents, Brookhaven National Labs, the PSC, the Chancellor, and NY Inspector General were all notified of this issue by a group of concerned QCC faculty.
• The CUNY Office of Research has conducted an internal analysis of self-reported faculty scholarship data over the past 5 years to understand how prevalent this issue is at CUNY.
Raw Faculty Scholarship Data (Dan McCloskey 2012)

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Partial list of known "predatory journals" accessed from Jefferey Beall's List:

- "WIT Press" - "International Agency for Development of Culture, Education and Science" (IADCES)
- "Scientific Research Publishing" - "International Academy of Business and Economics (IABE)"
- "World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology (WASET)
- "Scientific Research Publishing" - "International Academy of Business and Economics (IABE)"
- "Bentham Open" - "Technological Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research" (TJPSR)
- "The Chinese Journal of Science and Technology" - "International Academy of Business and Economics (IABE)"
- "Scientific Research Publishing" - "Review of Research" (Review of Research)
- "Scientific & Academic Publishing" - "World Journal of Science and Technology" (WJST)
- "International Journal of Computer Science and Information Security (IJCSIS)
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Number and percentage of articles published in known “predatory journals” listed as peer-reviewed in the CUNY Faculty Scholarship Data 2012-2016

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Works</th>
<th>&quot;Journal Article, peer-reviewed&quot;</th>
<th>Matches to known predatory journals (# of faculty)</th>
<th>Percent of &quot;peer-reviewed&quot; publications in predatory journals</th>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>18,647</td>
<td>3477</td>
<td>17 (17)</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>18,563</td>
<td>3752</td>
<td>22 (19)</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>20,881</td>
<td>3964</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>19,558</td>
<td>3667</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>21,687</td>
<td>3347</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>99,736</td>
<td>18,207</td>
<td>68 (54)</td>
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Number and percentage of articles published in known “predatory journals” and listed as “peer-reviewed” by year: 2012-2016

Number of "Peer Reviewed" Publications in Predatory Journals

Major news and academic articles concerning "predatory publishing"
Percentage of “peer-reviewed” articles in known “predatory journals” by campus type

- Senior Colleges (8): 15%
- Community Colleges (7): 48%
- Comprehensive Colleges (3): 37%

Percentage of articles in known “predatory journals” listed as “peer-reviewed” based on discipline of the citation (from a total of 68 works)

- Education/Pedagogy: 34%
- Political Science: 3%
- Business: 23%
- Computer Science: 11%
- Mathematics: 4%
- Psychology: 7%
- Biology: 5%
- Environmental Sciences: 2%
- Physics: 9%

By Discipline
Next Steps

• Improve the quality of faculty self-reported data so that faculty scholarship reports = faculty CVs. Incentivize reporting.

• Turn the page from “predatory outlets” to “performance enhancing outlets” by launching an information campaign about what these are and where to find them.
  • Department meetings are probably the best forum for discussion.

• Devalue the currency of PEOs by ensuring they are not wrongfully categorized as “peer reviewed”, and not considered during tenure and promotion decisions.

• Create a culture of “CV Hygiene” with comparable metrics on each campus.

Please review your campus CV

QCC Then

PUBLICATIONS (include full citation of books, chapters, articles in refereed journals, exhibitions, performances) – (Last five years only):

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QCC Now

B. RECORD OF SCHOLARSHIP/CREATIVE WORK (Please see campus advisory on predatory journals)

PUBLICATIONS/CREATIVE WORK – Peer Reviewed & in Distribution Only (include full citation of books, chapters, articles in refereed journals, creative works):

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