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Letter of Support for a Tech Fee Proposal: Purchase of Springer's Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics e-book packages

Dear Colleague:

It gives me great pleasure to provide this supporting letter for a Tech Fee proposal to acquire two e-book collections from Springer. FAU holds a National Center of Academic Excellence designation for its research in information assurance and cyber defense, and a substantial portion of research in this field is published in conference proceedings which are published by Springer. Lacking access to these conference proceedings is a serious drawback for graduate students who conduct their research in this field. Supervising Ph.D. students in the area of cryptology myself, I am well aware of the significance of the proposed e-book purchase, and I am highly supportive of it.

Further, with our department being in the process of restructuring its degree offerings, I expect more degrees with an applied focus to be sought. For students with an applied focus in Mathematics or Statistics, I expect the proposed e-book packages to be a great benefit. So I am most definitely supportive of this Tech Free proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Steinwandt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Rainer Steinwandt)