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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing on behalf of the ASHE Board of Directors with updates regarding the ASHE-sponsored journal, the *Review of Higher Education*.

The *Review*, like many higher education journals, has experienced a substantial increase in submissions over the past few years. Even while maintaining a very selective acceptance rate of 10% of submissions, the *Review* generated a significant backlog of articles accepted for publication. Recognizing the need to ensure a reasonable time to publication for accepted authors *and* a reasonable acceptance rate for new manuscripts, in June 2018 the ASHE Board elected to temporarily freeze submissions to the *Review* and to develop a plan for alleviating the backlog with *Review* Editor Gary Pike, and RHE publisher, Johns Hopkins University Press.

The plan detailed below has been approved by the Board and is now in place. It includes a greatly accelerated publication schedule, the addition of a special issue, an online pre-print site for accepted articles, and a new format for book reviews.

Accelerated publication schedule

- The September 2018 issue includes 10 articles (over the usual 5-6 articles per issue).
- From December 2018 to December 2019, each issue of the *Review* will be comprised of 16 articles. This includes an additional special issue that will be published as part of the 2019 volume.
- All manuscripts accepted before June 2018 will be published by Winter 2020.
- Articles now in review, if accepted, will be published by Summer 2020.

Pre-print Site

- Accepted articles will be available online as soon as they are copyedited and formatted.
- The preprint site will go live in November 2019.

Book Reviews

- Book reviews will be published online only, on the *Review of Higher Education* website.

Reopening *RHE* for submissions

- The Board anticipates reopening the *Review* for submissions in late summer of 2019, and will communicate that decision to the membership at least two months in advance to facilitate contributor's planning.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we have explored different options and developed this plan.

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