

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – C (1)

DATE: March 31, 2016

SUBJECT: Journal Database Access

At the most recent RAC meeting, council representatives requested a discussion regarding the growing cost of journal databases and its effect on the provision of adequate access to researchers on campus. System funding for research databases, accessible to all BOR campuses, dates back to 2007. In FY07 the budget for the same was \$387,652, which increased to \$482,632 in FY08 and then to \$498,235 in FY16. While the costs associated with accessing journal databases has increased over the years, the system’s budget for the same has not kept pace, leaving institutions to either reduce their subscriptions or come up with additional funding. Attachment I contains additional information on the Regental Libraries Databases. AAC representatives should be prepared to discuss emerging issues or concerns associated with the cost of accessing journal databases to include any possible system-wide solutions to the problem moving forward. Currently, the system library directors have been working to compile additional information for shifting internal resources to cover the growing costs with STEM based journals. The groups is exploring options for generating resources to address the growing concern emerging across the system.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discussion and Recommendation.

**Regental Libraries Databases
Funded by SDBOR Board Office, NSU, SDSU and USD
Summary of the 2015-2019 License Renewals
-dtd Feb. 03, 2016**

Funding

The SDBOR office or System funding for research databases, accessible to all the BOR campuses, dates back to 2007. In 2007, Board office funding the resources was \$387,652. As of FY2015, the System funding provides access to:

- Chemical Abstracts Service: SciFinder Scholar
- IOP Science Journals
- ProQuest Digital Theses and Dissertations
- Thomson Reuters: Web of Science indices, including Medline. EndNote, Biosis Previews, Current Contents Connect, and Incites/JCR are paid for from campus-level funds. See below.

As of FY2016, System funding for the databases is \$498,235. It is important to note that System funding increased from \$482,632 in FY2014 to the \$498,235 in FY2016. The increase in System funding has been integral in helping the BOR libraries manage the cost increases that were part and parcel of the 2015 license negotiations.

In FY2016, the Board office will return \$23,813 to each campus after paying for the above resources. The level of funds returned to each campus has decreased from \$24,171 in FY2014 to \$23,813 in FY2016. The overall increase in System funding, as noted above, substantially mitigated the potential decrease. The FY2016 increase is pending Dr. Turman and Dr. Rush's approval. NSU, SDSU and USD also use campus funds to pay the annual costs of the following Thomson Reuters products that are available to all BOR campuses. Costs noted below are for FY2016.

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| • NSU: Arts and Humanities Index | \$3,145 |
| • SDSU: Biosis Previews/Current Contents Connect | \$47,346 |
| • USD: Incites/JCR and Endnote | \$37,691 |
| | Total = \$88,182 |

Licenses

In 2015, on behalf of the BOR libraries, USD Libraries managed the negotiations and licensing for the following resources:

- Chemical Abstracts Service—SciFinder Scholar
- IOP Science Journals
- ProQuest Digital Theses and Dissertations
- Thomson Reuters' Web of Science indices, EndNote, Biosis Previews, Current Contents Connect, and Incites/JCR.

For the above resources, five-year licenses were negotiated with the exception of the Thomson Reuters license. TR and the BOR settled upon a one-year license for 2015 while a 3-year license (2016-2018) was executed in Jan. 2016. Annual increases for all the three and five year licenses ranged from 1% to 5%. In addition to the annual increases, Thomson Reuters, as FY2016, is charging USD for Endnote. Previously, Endnote was part of the "Web of Science" bundle. Also, added to the System licenses as of FY2016 are:

- OCLC CONTENTdm Hosted.
- Minitex-Digital Public Library of America 'Onboarding' services for the Digital Library of South Dakota.

The CONTENTdm and Minitex/DPLA licenses are essentially being moved from SDLN to the BOR. FY2016 and FY2017 funding for both resources is in the current SDLN budget and reserves. SLiC will need to address the matter of future and ongoing funding.

The USD Dean of Libraries, RIS Project Manager, USD Libraries Accountant, and SDBOR Finance office all contribute time and effort to the negotiations, license review, and accounting. Furthermore, RIS retains an attorney to review all licenses. During 2015, an estimated 1-6 hours per week were contributed by BOR professionals at various salary levels.

Future Considerations and Recommendations

In light of the substantial BOR investment in the resources, human resources should be invested in:

- Gathering, organizing and analyzing resource use data in order to communicate the impact of the resources on teaching, learning and research on the BOR campuses.
- Developing and distributing annual reports that draw upon the above information.
- Using the above information in decisions about future license renewals. Are the resources providing value to all the campuses?
- Investigating other resources that may provide equal or better value.
- Investigating purchasing current or future resources through other consortiums. (A conversation with Minitex is underway.)
- Exploring if other SD entities can be added to the negotiations and licenses in a manner that reduces costs for the BOR.
- Negotiating and managing licenses.

Other considerations and recommendations include:

- Together, in FY2017, NSU, SDSU and USD will be pay approximately \$90,000 directly to Thomson Reuters for resources used by all campuses. An equitable distribution of costs merits discussion and action.
- The CONTENTdm and Minitex/DPLA costs need to be planned for in the overall budget planning for the BOR library network.
- Licensing and managing the Minitex and System-funded databases could be integrated.