A Proposal for Managing Elsevier Journal Costs

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- Journal Expenditures (+521%)
- CPI (+118%)
- Book Expenditures (+79%)
10 Year Growth of Serials as a Portion of Library Budget
Why now?

- LSU’s 5-year Elsevier journal contract expires 12/31/2019
- Cost of year one of the next contract: $2M
- New technologies give us new options for providing access
Proposal Summary

- Follow the recent model invented by Florida State University
- Retain subscriptions to only the highest use Elsevier titles up to $1 million
- Provide *expedited* email delivery of articles from canceled Elsevier titles
- Reinvest the money saved into improving collections and services
Current Process

Citation found in:

- Web of Science
- Science Direct
- Google Scholar
- Library Discovery search

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Proposed Process

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OR
- New expedited service delivers article in ~2 hours, often faster.
Next steps

- Ask for Faculty Senate resolution in support of this proposal
- Ask for opportunities to talk to STEM faculty about the proposal this semester
- Charge a faculty committee to advise. Faculty Senate Library Committee?