

Dear S&T Faculty Member,

It is time for the Library's annual review of its journal portfolio. Our process in compiling the data was the same this year as the previous year: analyze print and electronic usage over a three-year period and base decisions on the total amount of usage as well as cost per use during that period. This year we are asking that you consider those titles you might wish to add at the same time that we look at eliminating titles. Hopefully that will simplify things, because departments will only need to communicate among themselves once to look at both additions and cancellations. Using the process described below, departments may appeal proposed cancellations (see Table below) and/or request new subscriptions.

This year there are 15 journals that meet the criteria for being cut, which was either zero usage from 2008 to December 2010, or a cost per use of over \$1000 during that same period. Of those 15 journals, 14 were only available in print, which we believe was a large factor in the low usage. For those new to this process, the procedure for compiling usage data is described at the end of this memo (*).

The table below contains those titles that are being considered for elimination. One title that was appealed last year is being given another year's exemption to build a user base. Another title does not provide online usage data from the publisher site, so will not be cancelled at this time, though the title is listed as a point of information.

Title	Electronic Availability from Other Sources	Format	3 Yr Usage	3 Yr Cost Per Use	Notes
JAMA	JAMA 1960-present	print	1	1,735.00	
Nuclear Engineering International		print	0	1,590.00	
Advanced Materials & Processes.	Academic Search Complete 1996-present	print	0	1,214.00	
JPT : Journal of Petroleum Technology		print	0	560.00	
AusIMM bulletin		print	0	555.83	
MIS Quarterly	Business Source 1997-present (3 other)	print	0	525.00	
Mining, People and the Environment		print	0	510.00	
JCT Coatingstech.	AST 2004-present	print	0	506.00	
Journal of the Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists.		print	0	411.00	
Explosives Engineering.		print	0	385.04	
Machine Design.	ABI 1998-present (4 other)	print + online	0	360.00	has free digital edition now
English Studies in Canada.	Academic Search Complete 2004-present	print	0	336.00	behind schedule-2007 numbers
Masonry Society Journal.		print	0	201.00	Previous exemption
College & Research Libraries News	Highwire 2004-present (2 other)	print	0	178.00	
Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature	JSTOR 1982-2005, Muse 2007-present	print	0	75.00	

Please note that online usage data was gathered from the publisher site, not from any third party database, such as Academic Search Premier, which might also provide coverage for the title in question. In some cases, the titles above are available from our central database subscriptions and may be receiving use there as opposed to in the print format that the library owns. If a title has online availability from a source other than the publisher, it is listed in the second column.

If a department wishes either to appeal a cancellation or suggest a title or titles to be added to the journal portfolio, the department library liaison or department chair must communicate on behalf of the entire department to ensure that all of the needs of the department are being considered by those most in tune with the work being done there. Please email Maggie Trish at trishm@mst.edu before **October 7th, 2011**, to ensure that all appeals and suggested journal additions may receive due consideration. It would be very helpful if you could note why interlibrary loan is not sufficient for appealed titles and any information regarding suggested additions -- for instance, the hiring of professors doing research that is unsupported by the existing library journal portfolio.

Please know that the library is trying to retain and add access in the face of dwindling economic resources as prices climb, central resources are cut, and local funding remains constant. We appreciate your understanding as we work together to provide you and your students with the materials you need in the most appropriate way.

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*For those new to this process, to compile this list of titles we looked at subscriptions that included journals and journal packages not currently in a multi-year license. The complete list included a total of 328 journal titles and approximately 28 small journal packages. To count the use of print resources, we used the MERLIN catalog to count checkouts, as well as a statistic called "in-house use" that counts when a book or journal is used and not re-shelved. The statistics for online use of materials were retrieved from the publisher or vendor; most of those sources use the same format for providing statistics, which ensures they are comparable. The only exceptions to this were the small publishers who have only a journal or two and do not provide usage statistics. Once we had usage data added for 2010, we used the prices for those years to determine the cost per use for each year and a three year average.