Report of EAR Committee to COLD

March 1, 2019

Michele Van Hoeck, EAR Chair

1. EAR will meet in person at Loyola Marymount University on March 13, in conjunction with the annual SCELC meeting. On the meeting agenda are a) subcommittee updates related to streaming media packages, e-textbooks, and results of the JSTOR e-book pilot; b) in-person demonstration and discussion with two vendors offering competing products: Elsevier/Scopus and Clarivate/Web of Science; c) discussion and recommendation for cuts to the ECC, due to budget shortfall in the Chancellor’s Office.

2. The JSTOR DDA e-book pilot has $42,813.25 remaining balance, of the original $91,000. The system is currently spending about $4,000 a week to purchase e-books that have crossed the pre-determined usage/download thresholds. EAR expects this spending rate to increase as the semester progresses, as is typical for DDA agreements. Subcommittee chair David Hellman estimates the pilot funds will last until roughly the end of April. At that time, absent additional funds, there may be e-books which have received use below the purchase trigger that will have to be removed from access by CSU library users.

The pilot is considered to be a success and to have provided a good value to the CSU Libraries and its users. The subcommittee has received a proposal for a JSTOR EBA e-book package going forward, which would likely be recommended to COLD for acquisition, if funds were available to add it to the ECC.

3. For its March 13 discussion and recommendation for cuts to the ECC, EAR has agreed to be informed by three sources: a) spring 2018 librarian survey; b) cost-per-use analytics performed by current EAR subcommittee Tracy Gilmore, Carol Perruso, and Michele Van Hoeck; and c) the EAR recommendation to COLD of May 2018.