MEMORANDUM

Date: April 26, 2019

To: UO Faculty Members, Staff Members, and Administrators

From: Adriene Lim, Dean of Libraries

Subject: UO Libraries’ Collections-Related Base Budget Reduction for FY 20

In response to the University’s need to reduce its annual operating costs, the UO Libraries will reduce its overall general-fund budget by 3.41% in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 20). This translates into an overall reduction of $800,000 from the Libraries’ general operations and expenditures, with $360,000 of that amount designated for cuts to the $5.2 million base budget for collections.

To reach the level of collections savings required in this upcoming fiscal year, the Libraries will use the following strategies:

1. Review and eliminate some standing orders (i.e., open and continuing orders that facilitate the automatic receipt of resources in a variety of disciplines), and cut streaming video costs in half. $102,192

2. Reduce up to 40% of our Springer/Nature/Palgrave journal subscriptions by moving from package deals to title-by-title purchases, working with subject liaison librarians and UO faculty to cut subscriptions with lower use and/or higher costs per use. $103,124

3. Reduce up to 60% of our Wiley journal subscriptions by moving from package deals to title-by-title purchases, working with subject liaison librarians and UO faculty to cut subscriptions with lower use and/or higher cost per use. $154,684

Total collections reduction: $360,000

I regret having to advise you about these changes, but I hope that the strategies described above will mitigate some of the negative effects. Your subject-specialist librarian will be reaching out to you soon with more details about these changes as they affect your department, school, or college. In the meantime, please contact either the Libraries’ Associate Dean Mark Watson or me with any immediate questions you may have.