

Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication

2024/25 Fiscal Report

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The *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication (JLSC)* is in its fourth year with Iowa State University Digital Press as its publisher. Beginning in the fall of 2021, *JLSC* partnered with the Lyrasis Open Access Community Investment Program (OACIP). The goal was to get commitments to fund *JLSC* for five years and to create an operating reserve equal to one year of anticipated expenses. Annual expenses were estimated at \$13,550 per year (all figures are in U.S. dollars). The total goal was \$90,000 with \$8,700 going to Lyrasis to cover their costs and \$81,300 going to *JLSC*. This funding goal was met with commitments from 20 libraries. This funding was used to support *JLSC* beginning in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

JLSC income in 2024/25 from OACIP was \$16,795 and \$920 from Iowa State University for a total of \$17,715.

JLSC expenses in 2024/25 were:

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| Hosting | \$500.00 | 2.8% |
| Variable Costs | | |
| Copyediting | \$9,628.50 | 53.6% |
| Production | \$7,150.70 | 39.8% |
| Production Project Management | \$380.70 | 2.1% |
| DOI Registration | \$44.00 | 0.2% |
| CLOCKSS Ingest | \$11.0 | 0.1% |
| Adobe Acrobat Subscription | \$250.00 | 1.4% |
| Total Variable Costs | \$17,464.90 | 97.2% |
| Total Expenses | \$17,964.90 | 100.0% |

JLSC expenses in fiscal 2024/25 were \$17,964.90. This was an increase of 159.0%, or \$11,027.35 of the 2023/24 expenses. The 2024/25 expenses were well above the expected expense projected in the Lyrasis funding proposal of \$13,500 by \$4,464.90. The difference between income and expenses was less severe; there was a \$-249.90 difference between income and expenses. In prior years, we have underspent the budget significantly as part of a planned development of an operating reserve. Previously, we have indicated that if the patterns continue of underspending, that the next round of *JLSC* funding might not have to be as big as the 2022 round, however, in years like this one, we should revisit and balance our strategies. We produced much

scholarship, and we still have reserves available, so we are not in dire straits. But we may need to do a forecast estimating when our remaining funds will run out based on projections of high volume years such as this one, where we spend more than our anticipated expenses.

JLSC published 40 articles (37 long and 3 short) consisting of 808 pages in 2024/25. The cost per page was \$22.23 and the cost per article was \$449.12. This compares with a 2023/24 cost per page of \$18.80 and a cost per article of \$289.06 (but more in line with the 2022/23 cost per article of \$465.32). The increase in the cost per page resulted from more need for copyediting, proofreading, and other publication costs associated with more long articles.