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To: Bonnie Allen, Dean of Libraries

From: Kate Zoellner, Education and Psychology Librarian, Assessment Coordinator

Re: Mansfield Library Review of the School of Education's Curriculum and Instruction Department's Proposal for the Development of a Master's Degree in Special Education

In response to the School of Education's proposal for the development of a Master's Degree in Special Education, an evaluation of the Mansfield Library's collections was conducted to determine the adequacy of current resources and staffing to meet the research, teaching and learning needs of potential program faculty, students and staff. While current library staffing will adequately support the School of Education proposal, the evaluation indicates that Mansfield Library resources would require additional funds of approximately \$3,680 for year one and \$3,850 for year two to enable the library to add the needed Master's level research resources and to seek permanent support for the acquisitions budget.

Journal Collections

\$875 | \$936

Mansfield Library provides access to 97% of the 29 journals ranked in 2007 by impact factor, and 100% of the top ten ranked journals, according to Journal Citation Reports, a bibliometric resource that evaluates journals by citation and article data. The top ten ranked journals are:

1. Exceptional Children: Journal of the International Council for Exceptional Children
2. American Journal on Mental Retardation
3. Mental Retardation
4. Research in Developmental Disabilities
5. Journal of Learning Disabilities
6. Journal of Intellectual Disability Research
7. Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions
8. Dyslexia
9. Research and Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities
10. Journal of Fluency Disorders

The Library collection includes fifteen peer-reviewed serials with the Handicapped subject designation, according to another collection assessment tool, Ulrich's Serials Analysis System. Mansfield Library provides access to 94% of the sixteen journals accessible at peer group libraries (four-year academic libraries with FTE of 10-19,000).

Other key titles for Special Education research and practice provided by the Mansfield Library include: Behavioral Disorders, British Journal of Special Education, Education and Training in Developmental Disabilities, Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities, Journal of Disability Policy Studies, Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions, Journal of Special Education, Journal of Special Education Technology, Remedial and Special Education, Rural Special Education Quarterly, Teacher Education and

Special Education, Teaching Exceptional Children, Topics in Early Childhood Special Education, and Young Exceptional Children.

Purchasing the title not currently owned by the Library, *British Journal of Developmental Disabilities*, as well as current access to the following two journals, *Dyslexia* (currently have 6 month embargo) and *High Ability Studies* (currently have 1 year embargo), would cost \$875 per year of funds the first year (with an inflation factor of approximately 7% added to the total cost each year).

Electronic Access to Databases and Indices

The Mansfield Library's subscribes to over 100 electronic databases that index the contents of peer-reviewed and professional journals, magazines, reports, proceedings, association and consumer newsletters, plus pamphlets, booklets, special reports, original research, reference titles and monographs. The Library's databases and indices meet the needs of the proposed Master's of Special Education degree and do not require additional, or repositioned, funding.

Select Relevant Electronic Databases include: Academic Search Premier, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities eJournals, Blackwell Humanities & Social Sciences Collection, CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature), Education Full Text, ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), Educator's Reference Complete, Health Reference Center, Health Sciences Full Text, JSTOR, Journals@OVID Full-Text, MedlinePlus, NetLibrary, OmniFile Full Text Mega, Oxford Reference Online, ProQuest Digital Dissertations, PsycArticles, PsycBooks, PsycINFO, PubMed, SAGE Premier, Science Direct, Taylor & Francis Scientific, Technical and Medical Library, Web of Knowledge/Web of Science, and WorldCat.

Monograph, Book and Media Holdings

\$2,800 | \$2,912

The Mansfield Library uses an approval book plan with YBP for purchasing much of its monograph collection. Currently, there is a profile in place for purchasing new Special Education resources to support the School of Education's Special Education endorsement. The YBP database (Gobi) indicates that during the past two fiscal years (FY07 and FY08) 339 books were profiled for the Special Education call number (371.9), at a cost of \$18,960. These books were profiled with the select levels: Basic Essential, Basic Recommended, Research Essential, Research Recommended, Supplementary and Specialized. During that period, the Mansfield Library purchased 37 of the titles (primarily those profiled as Research Recommended) for a total cost of \$2,165. Two of the University's peers also use YBP and records indicate that for the same time period Montana State University-Bozeman purchased 30 of the titles and the University of Wyoming purchased 130 of the titles.

Purchasing all monographs via YBP at the Research Essential and Research Recommended levels would require approximately \$2,800 per year of additional funds (with an inflation factor of approximately 4% added to the total cost each year).

In addition to print monographs, the Mansfield Library subscribes to two electronic book collections that are accessible remotely or on campus: NetLibrary, a collection of over 10,600 electronic books (450 Education-focused) and PsycBooks, a database that currently contains 1,566 scholarly books and 24,161 book chapters.

Interlibrary Loan Services

In addition to the Library's monograph and serial collections, interlibrary loan services offered to faculty, students and staff facilitate access to needed resources beyond our holdings available through other

institutions in North America. During the last two fiscal years, 424 requests were made to Interlibrary Loan for Special Education materials.

Liaison Librarians and Instructional Services

The research, teaching and learning needs of faculty, students and staff within the School of Education are supported by a liaison librarian who provides reference services, tailored information literacy instruction and collection development to meet the needs of the School's departments.

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