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# Information requested on University future involvement with ScienceDirect

Submitted by: Steven Damelin

1/22/2007

## **Question:**

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Please can you advise on any planned future involvement of the university with ScienceDirect, the worlds largest scientific, technical and medical information provider which publishes over 1,500 journals as well as books and secondary databases.

## **Rationale:**

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As we are now a doctoral institution and growing faster than ever, I feel that it is important that the university subscribe widly to ScienceDirect so that faculty from all colleges may have free electronic access to this worlds largest scientific, technical and medical information provider. Most doctoral institutions in the United States, are moving ever faster to the model of free electronic journal access for faculty and I believe Georgia Southern should follow this path as we continue our amazing growth amongst US higher education institutions.

## **Response:**

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The following response was provided by Sonya Sheperd - pbh.

The Library, in consultation with the Library Committee, department heads, and department faculty liaisons, has identified several resources, including Science Direct, that would provide significant support to our growing graduate programs. These resources were included in the Library's FY08 budget request, so we will not know whether there will be sufficient new funds to cover the proposed subscriptions until the FY08 budget figures are released. About \$64,000 is needed to cover electronic access to our current Elsevier subscriptions, while subscribing electronically to all Elsevier titles would cost approximately \$115,000. Meanwhile, we are pleased to have recently added

the Web of Science and SciFinder Scholar databases, important resources for graduate as well as undergraduate programs and faculty research.

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Department Head, Information Services Associate Professor Liaison to the Colleges of  
Education, Information Technology, Graduate Studies.

Minutes 2/15/2007: Another RFI from Steve Damelin asked about involvement with ScienceDirect. According to information from Sonya Shepherd and the Library Committee, this is a major budget item. Getting ScienceDirect would cost roughly an additional \$65,000 a year for current Elsevier subscriptions to journals. Subscribing to all titles would cost approximately \$115,000 a year. Shepherd reminded senators that Henderson Library has added Web of Science and SciFinder Scholar finder databases.