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Dear University Faculty,

In September, I communicated with you about the library's need to cancel some journals as well as the timeline for accomplishing these cancellations. We have greatly appreciated your cooperation and the many productive conversations we have had with you on this difficult topic. During the intervening months, President Worthen and Vice President Webb have met with academic departments and councils and have heard your concerns about the potential negative impact to your teaching and research that the anticipated cancellations might have.

Recently, President Worthen took this issue to Elder Kim B. Clark, Commissioner of the Church Education System. As a result, a temporary solution to our problem has been identified. Based on their proposed plan, we anticipate that the difficult decision of what journals to cancel has been pushed back for another two to three years. In the meantime, we will be able to continue looking for long-term solutions, including taking collective action with other university libraries and working towards new publishing models. The data we have collected about your journal usage and research patterns through this process will still be very helpful as we look at our own situation.

We are grateful to each of you who participated in this difficult process. We are especially grateful to the university administration for their willingness to look at extraordinary measures to support ongoing access to these important and highly utilized library resources.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Paustenbaugh".

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