

Rod Library Collections Update

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*Rod Library empowers and inspires our community
to discover, imagine, create, and innovate.*

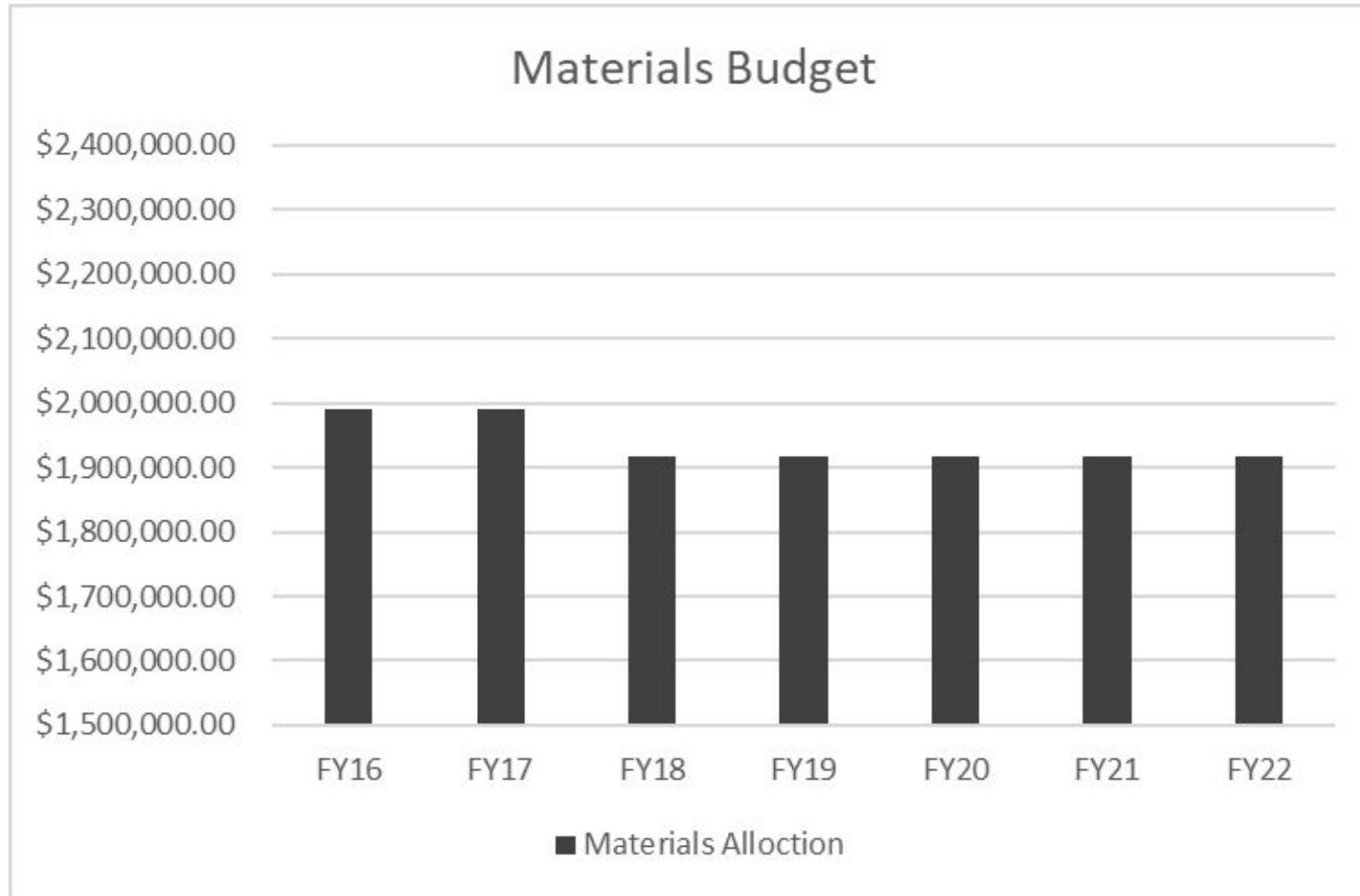
Our collections provide high quality and economically responsible resources to students, staff, and faculty to support their teaching, learning, scholarship, service, and creative endeavors.

Faculty librarians manage the selection, acquisition, evaluation, and deselection of library resources using professional best practices.

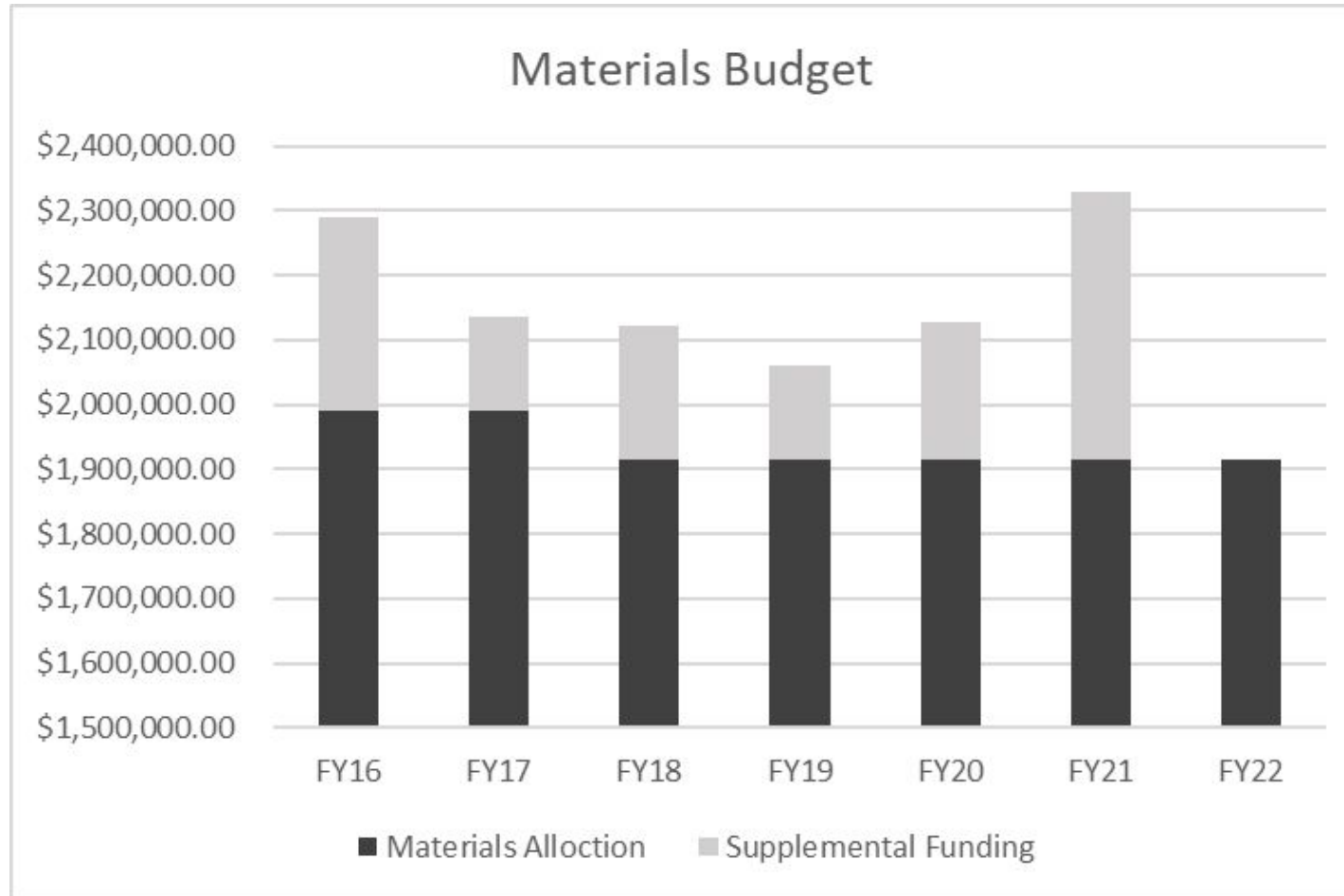
Combatting Cost Increases: Some Examples

- Strategic priorities for spending one-time funds
 - Purchasing permanent access JSTOR journal collections, such as:
 - African-American Historical Newspaper backfiles, including Atlanta Daily World, Chicago Defender, Los Angeles Sentinel, Michigan Chronicle, New York Amsterdam News.
 - Deposit accounts for demand-driven acquisitions requested by our users
- Regents Collective Collection project
 - Managing our print collections collectively, ensuring access, and eliminating overlap
- Robust InterLibrary Loan service and support, Fast TRAC agreement
- Investment in Open Access
 - Regents' Open Educational Resources (OER) grant program
 - UNI ScholarWorks:
 - UNI's institutional repository with 3 million global downloads; collects student and faculty scholarship and community engagement projects, documents UNI history, and publishes several journals.
 - Additionally, a growing portion of the University Archives collection is being digitized and added to the repository.

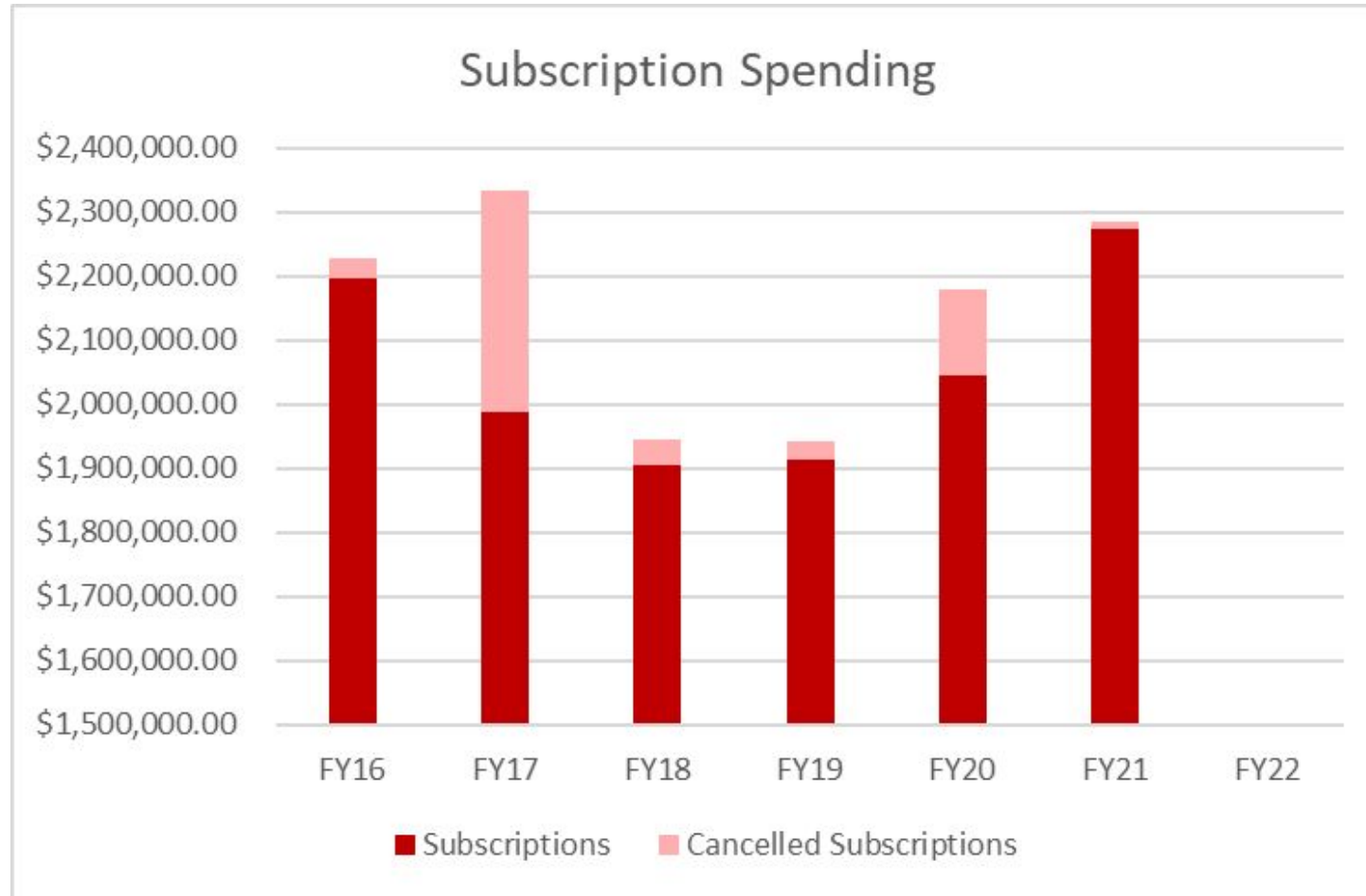
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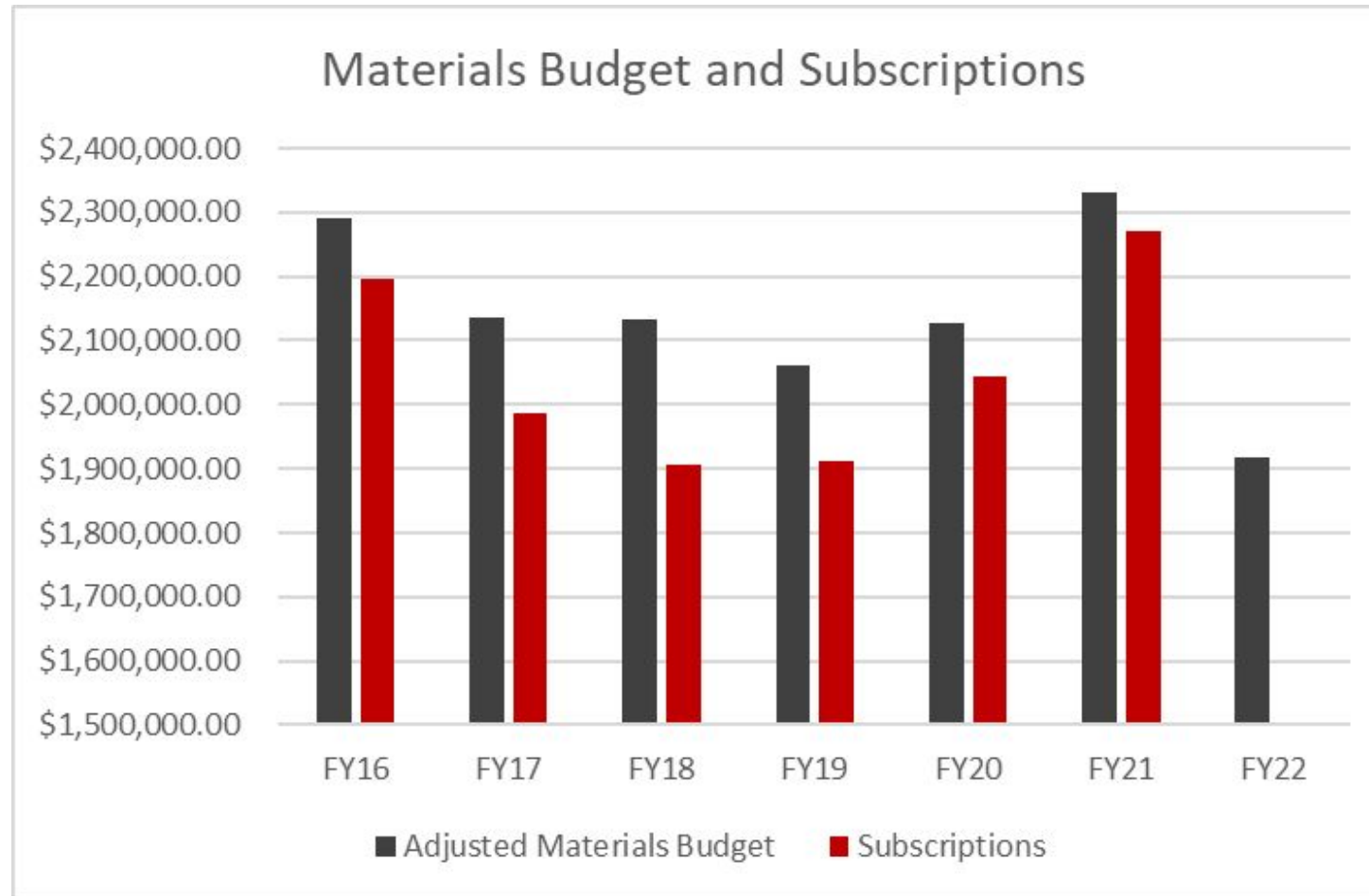
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Database Review Process

- First step: A comprehensive literature review of other academic libraries' recent experiences with evaluating and cancelling databases and journals.
- Based on literature review, standards, and best practices in our field, faculty librarians prioritized seven criteria to apply in evaluating how well each current database and journal package supports student learning and faculty research at UNI.

Evaluation Criteria

- Content necessary for accreditation or important to an academic discipline represented at UNI
- Supports and facilitates faculty and student research (relevant topics; level of information appropriate for user group; etc.)
- Cannot be adequately replaced by alternative methods of obtaining content (open access, institutional repositories, interlibrary loan, document delivery, etc.)
- Is accessible (allows remote access; accommodates the needs of people with disabilities; etc.)
- Used by more than one department OR is vital to a single department
- Receives sufficient use (past, present, and/or future potential usage; usage per included title)
- Cost is affordable (per use—search, view, download, or session; per included title; including fees, rate of inflation, etc.)

Next Steps

For FY23, we have to adjust for approximately \$300,000 shortfall.

- Library faculty will conclude evaluation of 120+ databases and journal packages in early April
- Library faculty will discuss and make cancellation decisions based on evaluation criteria by mid-April
- Preliminary notification of specific resources that will be discontinued and request for campus feedback will go out by the end of April
- Information will be available on the Rod Library Collections web page

In order to better manage future cost fluctuations and budgetary uncertainty, we plan to make this a continuous, ongoing process, evaluating portions of our database and journal package portfolio every year.

- If you have questions about the process, please contact Janet Brennan Croft

Questions?