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The *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication (JLSC)* is in its second 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 2022/23 from OACIP was \$16,795.

JLSC expenses in 2022/23 were:

Expense	Cost	Percent
Hosting	\$500.00	4.3%
Variable Costs		
Copyediting	\$7,096.00	61.0%
Production	\$3,629.70	31.2%
Production Project Management	\$376.00	0.2%
DOI Registration	\$25.00	0.2%
CLOCKSS Ingest	\$6.25	0.1%
Total Variable Costs	\$11,132.95	95.7%
Total Expenses	\$11,632.95	100.0%

JLSC expenses in fiscal 2021/22 were \$8,076.25. The 2022/23 expenses were \$3,556.70 or 44.0% above the 2021/22 expenses. The 2022/23 expenses were however below the expected expense projected in the Lyrasis funding proposal of \$13,500. There was a \$5,162 difference between income and expenses. This was intended and is part of a planned development of an operating reserve. Should this year's expenses and production levels continue, the operating reserve after five years will be larger than anticipated and will mean that the next round of *JLSC* funding will not need to be as large as the 2022 round.

JLSC published 25 articles (18 long and 7 short) consisting of 412 pages in 2022/23. The cost per article was \$465.32 and the cost per page was \$28.24. This compares with a 2021/22 cost per page of \$37.22 and a cost per article of \$475.07.

The decline in the cost per page probably resulted from some start-up costs in 2021/22 that were not required in 2022/23 and/or from a different mix of articles.