

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
October 16, 2017**

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS FOR EX LIBRIS SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE  
SUBSCRIPTION (SAAS) AND MICHIGAN SHARED SYSTEM ALLIANCE**

**A Recommendation**

1. **Divisions and Departments:** Academic Affairs, University Libraries
2. **Introduction:** The Oakland University Libraries (Libraries) have been using the Voyager Library Management System since 1998. The system was designed to manage print materials for academic libraries. As digital materials have come to dominate academic library collections, the Libraries have added other pieces to the existing system. The existing Voyager server and operating system are aging and need to be replaced.

The Libraries have been working with the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) for several years on a successor system. MCLS managed a competitive bid process for OU and other Michigan academic libraries, resulting in a discounted price based on the participation of eight libraries. MCLS will provide implementation services through a separate agreement as the Michigan Shared System Alliance.

The Libraries have been a customer of Ex Libris for library management systems, including Voyager, for many years. They have proved to be a reliable and responsible vendor. The proposed new system is designed to handle both print and digital materials, and eliminates the need for other software add-ons. The support and maintenance costs for the new systems, including Alma and Primo Discovery Services, are equivalent to costs already paid for Voyager and a separate discovery service, and will be funded through the existing Libraries budget. Further, the proposed agreements reduce the annual increase for maintenance fees, currently capped at 4.5%, to 3.0%.

It is requested that the Board authorize the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost to execute a five-year Ex Libris Software as a Service (SaaS) Subscription Agreement, and a Michigan Shared System Alliance agreement, to realize cost savings through a group purchase and shared system maintenance, at a cost not to exceed \$1,067,868.

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The Ex Libris (SaaS) Subscription Agreement and the Michigan Shared System Alliance agreement have been reviewed by and are in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, and are in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations, and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

3. **Previous Board Action:** On December 4, 1997, the Board of Trustees approved the Endeavor Information System for purchase of Voyager Software service.
4. **Budget Implications:** Annual subscription costs will be \$175,822 in the first year and will increase 3% year over year for five years. Implementation costs total \$121,905, paid in three installments, and MCLS support fees total \$12,500. The total costs over five years are \$1,067,868. The purchase price and ongoing costs are equivalent to existing system costs and will be covered by the University Libraries budget.
5. **Educational Implications:** The Library Management System is used to manage all Library collections for the benefit of the university community.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** Proposal developed by University Libraries, reviewed by University Technology Services and the Office of the Provost.
8. **Recommendation:**

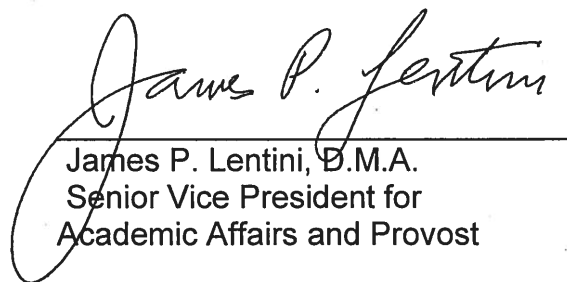
RESOLVED, that the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost is authorized to execute a five-year Ex Libris SaaS Subscription Agreement, and an agreement with the Michigan Shared System Alliance, to realize cost savings through a group purchase and shared system maintenance, at a cost not to exceed \$1,067,868; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost is hereby authorized to perform all acts and to deliver all contracts, instruments, and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper.

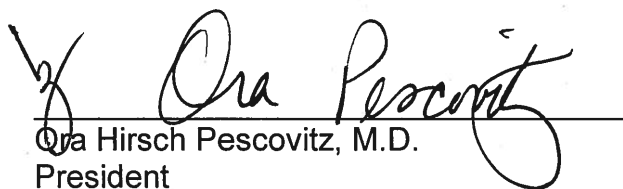
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9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the President  
on 10-11-, 2017 by

  
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Senior Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 10-11-, 2017  
to the Board of Trustees for Approval by

  
Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
President