Library Business Resources Update
September 2015
CRSP and Compustat

- Finance databases
- Already on least expensive platform since 2011
- CRSP = $27,038 USD / annum
- Compustat = $26,667 USD / annum
- Total = $71,000 Canadian (and rising) / annum
- Under consideration for discontinuation
SHIRP

- Saskatchewan Health Information Resource Program
- Resides at University of Saskatchewan Library
- www.shirp.ca

Included:
- Harvard Business Review
- Academy of Management Journal
“It was decided by the SHIRP Office that the following resources: Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPi), AMED, and Health Business Elite will no longer be SHIRP resources due to the low usage of them.” 6 April 2015

https://www.shirp.ca/node/573
SHIRP

- SHIRP’s mandate is to provide access to all health care practitioners in Saskatchewan and the usage statistics from the healthcare members was low hence the decision to cancel.

- An email was sent to this effect to all members of SHIRP’s Collections Consultative Group, including the U of R representative.
Health Business Elite

- Included Academy of Management Journal and Harvard Business Review
- Some individual journals may be acquired
- Note: HBR no longer available outside of EBSCO
  - Popular articles are read only: no printing, downloading, or persistent links
  - All articles cannot be used as electronic reserves or coursepacks or sharing with students (includes links)
- HBR through an EBSCO database would cost approx. $14,000 / annum
- Academy of Mgmt Jnl would cost approx. $400 / annum
Overview of Business Resources

- Databases that are practically entirely used for business research: $140,255
  - Includes TSX, ABI/Inform, Compustat, CRSP, Knotia.ca, Economist Intelligence Unit, Passport GMID

- Databases that are mostly (~80%) used for business research: $55,280 = 80% of total
  - Includes Emerald, Business Databases (provincial license), LabourSource, WorldBank eLibrary, Ipsos, Conference Board of Canada
Overview of Business Resources Cont’d

- Interdisciplinary Databases that are used for business research:
  - Total = $658,451, estimated 10% business research use, so $65,845 = 10% of cost
    - Includes Wiley, JSTOR, LexisNexis, Elsevier, OECD, Oxford Collections
  - TOTAL DATABASES: $261,380
  - Including individual journal subscriptions and monographs, estimated $300,000
Overview of Library Spending

- Library acquisitions budget 2015/16 = $2,930,598
- Library acquisitions projected spending 2015/16 = $3,406,365
- The Library must find $475,767 in cancelations and claw backs in order to maintain current resources
Criteria for Evaluating Databases

- Full-text / journal articles
  - Accreditation
  - Comments from faculty
  - Cost of acquiring material via other means (e.g. cost per view and ILL)
  - Impact factor
  - Overlap in content/comparable resources
  - Usage statistics/cost per download
Criteria for Evaluating Databases

- Indexed databases
  - Accreditation
  - Comments from faculty
  - Overlap in content/comparable resources
  - Usage statistics/cost per view
Current Situation

- SHIRP has dropped a major business database we were not paying for.
- Most databases billed in USD, so costs of databases in Canadian dollars have risen.
- U of R Library would need an additional approx. $475,767 to maintain current resources.
Alternatives

- *HBR* available in print / for reserves
- Inter-library loan
- Librarian research to find other articles
- *HBR* individual online subscription $109 / annum
- Library may be able to consider individual e-journals