



## Electronic Resources Committee Special Meeting

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11:00 a.m.

Teleconference

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### DRAFT MINUTES

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am.

#### B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Mike Drake (Fresno), Fahra Daredia (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Alma Madrigal-Ward (Madera), Maureen McCormick (Mariposa), Smruti Deshpande (Merced), Yer Vang (Tulare County)

Members Absent: Heidi Clark (Tulare Public)

#### C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### E. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. ACTION: Recommend addition of Udemy to Systemwide Resources (Attachment 1)

Boyer presented a recommendation to add Udemy as a System resource beginning in January 2025. Alternative recommendations to add Udemy beginning in July 2025, to add Udemy without a specific start date, and to not add Udemy were also presented. Fiscal impacts of each recommendation were discussed.

McCormick asked when member libraries would be expected to pay if a subscription began in January. Boyer stated he and Chris Wymer (SJVLS) had discussed funding. Because Udemy provides online courses in job training and personal development, two resource goals identified in the SJVLS Tech Plan, prorated costs in FY24-25 could be paid from SJVLS Tech Plan funds. Boyer suggested that member libraries would not see any additional financial obligation for Udemy until at least FY25-26. Final funding sources and decisions would be subject to Admin Council.

Vosburg asked if Udemy would replace Peterson's Test and Career Prep. Boyer explained that Gale's discounted rate offer is contingent on SJVLS keeping our existing Gale resources. Peterson's will remain a systemwide resource for FY25-26, regardless of the recommendation on Udemy. Vosburg asked about increased costs of our existing Gale resources if SJVLS does not subscribe to Udemy. Boyer stated that our costs for the Gale package and Peterson's would remain consistent with what they were this year (approximately \$98,000), subject to annual increases of 3-5%. Vosburg suggested Admin Council could take a different action than what ERC recommended. Boyer

agreed that, based on budget, need, or other factors, Admin Council could decide to start a subscription earlier or later than what ERC recommended. Boyer reminded the committee that an alternative recommendation would be to recommend the addition of Udemy as a resource without a specific start date. That recommendation would leave the start date decision to Admin Council.

McCormick motioned to approve the alternate recommendation that SJVLS add Udemy as a resource beginning in FY25-26. Deshpande seconded. Vote was taken by roll call with seven in favor and none opposed. Nuhfer was unavailable for the vote due to technical difficulties. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **F. CALENDAR ITEMS**

The next meeting will tentatively be held on January 16, 2025, on Microsoft Teams.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.