The Faculty Library Committee recognizes the need for the Caltech Library to review retention of print journal volumes in light of expanding electronic access, alternate on-demand journal article delivery mechanisms, and the opportunity costs of using space in prime locations on campus for journal storage.

The research community overwhelmingly supports continued expansion of electronic access to research journals. At the same time the committee asserts the importance of maintaining appropriate spaces for study, reading, small group work and collaboration that contribute to the quality of intellectual life at Caltech.

The Library will make recommendations to the Division Chairs for journal withdrawal based on the following principles:

1. Contents are available electronically from vendors or publishers whose mission in serving scholarship are deemed responsible and committed, e.g. American Physical Society.
   - These electronic files are archived via secure non-commercial services e.g. Portico, JSTOR, LOCKSS.
   - Print copies are permanently stored in a library system that provides prompt loan and delivery services.

2. Contents can be purchased on-demand from a reliable vendor. Such purchases would continue to be subsidized by the Library after the requester commits a nominal fee from research or Division sources.

   Considerations used in assessment:
   - Use of print volumes is exceedingly low or none at all.
   - Cost of subscription is too high given the use.
   - Subject matter is out of scope of Caltech research and curriculum.
   - Print copies are permanently stored in a library system that provides prompt loan and delivery services.

Library Committee:
John H. Richards, Chair
Kimberly Douglas, ex officio