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**Summary:**

The Journal continued to do well in 2015. We were able to meet our contractual agreement with Taylor and Francis to provide manuscripts for four issues and 320 pages per year. Deadlines and page quotas were met for 2015 (Volume 11), and sufficient backlog was in final review stages to meet the deadlines for the first three issues of Volume 12. Currently, the Journal's is typical, meaning that the paper submissions have been steady.

Much of my Journal-related time during the last quarter of 2015 was spent trying to get ASC member library information for Taylor & Francis so the new amended contract for the electronic and one hard copy subscription could take effect with Volume 12 (2016). This was a frustrating process, but with help from Taylor & Francis, we got it done. Now we are working with Taylor & Francis to get the billing amount corrected. Emma Sanders is persistent and is helping get it corrected.

Dr. Andrew McCoy assumed the Editor-in-Chief position effective January 1, 2016. Dr. David Gunderson assumed the new position of Managing Editor. Because Andrew has been working with several groups on special editions, even with two of us working together we are as busy as ever. The Associate Editors starting January 1, 2016 are Dr. Ben Bigelow, Dr. Lloyd Scott, and Dr. John Schaufelberger.

1. The publication of Volume 11 (4 Issues – Numbers 1-4) was successful. The page count quota (320 pages) was met exactly. There were 17 papers published in Volume 11. Issue No. 2 was a Special Issue: The Changing Landscape of Construction Higher Education, with the Guest Editor being Dr. Lloyd Scott.
2. Once papers are “Accepted” and type-set by Taylor & Francis, they are available on-line prior to inclusion in a specific issue.
3. **Acceptance Rate:** The acceptance rate was 32% for 2015. This is a higher acceptance rate than last year's very low rate, but certainly within our typical range of 25% to 35%.
4. **Turn-Around Time:** The average time from submission to final decision is 57.0 days (down ~2½ days from last year). The average time from submission to first decision is 50.8 days (about the same as last year).

5. **Submitted Manuscripts:** Table 1 shows a total of 70 original manuscripts were submitted between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. There were a total of 95 original and revised papers submitted. This does not include the number of papers unsubmitted by the editor for various reasons including: not formatted correctly, not blinded, tables and figures not submitted as separate files, etc. Unsubmitted papers are not included in any of the statistics.

**Table 1: Papers Submitted by Type in 2015**

<b>Manuscript Type</b>	<b>Number of Original Manuscripts</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Case Study Research	18	20.3%
Mixed Methods Research	3	15.3%
Pedagogical Insight	2	1.7%
Position Paper	1	0%
Qualitative Research	16	22%
Quantitative Research	18	27.1%
Other	2	13.6%
<b>Summary</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

6. **Submitted from which Countries in 2014:** Manuscripts were submitted from 13 countries (down from 15 last year). Table 2 reports the number of submissions by country:

**Table 2: Papers Submitted by Country in 2015**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Manuscripts</b>	<b>Accept. Rate</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Manuscripts</b>	<b>Accept. Rate</b>
Australia	3	33.3%	India	1	0%
Italy	1	0%	Jordan	2	50%
Malaysia	2	0%	Nigeria	4	0%
Pakistan	1	0%	Trinidad & Tobago	3	0%
United Kingdom	2	50%	United States	20	41.2%
			<b>Summary</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>32.08%</b>

Taylor & Francis told the editors that counties outside the United States have a lower acceptance rate.

7. All of the members of the Taylor & Francis team have been extremely helpful in all aspects of publication, especially Managing Editor, Ms. Emma Sanders. Taylor & Francis paid to bring Dr. McCoy and Dr. Gunderson to Philadelphia in November, 2015 for meetings with the various Taylor & Francis team members

8. The Journal is still unable to get an Impact Factor. There may be other reasons, but the editorial office thinks we need to increase readership. The Board's approval for each ASC Member Institution (and every faculty member teaching at an ASC Member Institution and all of the students) access to every paper published in the Journal should increase readership. This added benefit of ASC membership was done for less than \$200/member institution (an increase of \$133 per institutional member) since some ASC member institution already get the Journal in a bundle from Taylor & Francis. Taylor & Francis was adamant about not charging twice for the same subscription. For members who have the bundled subscription, ASC will pay Taylor & Francis the cost of the single hard copy subscription (\$67 per year per member).
9. The royalty check from Taylor & Francis to ASC for 2015, was \$1,364.95. (For 2014 it was \$1,263.15; for 2013 it was \$1,058.70; for 2012 it was \$978.45; for 2011 it was \$1,035.30; for 2010 was \$848.00)
10. The Taylor & Francis Annual Publisher's Report is being submitted and presented separately by Taylor & Francis Managing Editor Ms. Emma Sanders.