

RESOLUTION

Explore additional library funding

Whereas, the cost of periodicals, books and computerized database sources has risen much faster than the general inflation rate over the last decade, and

Whereas, the Libraries budgets have not kept pace due to a lack of increases in continuing monies, and

Whereas, the libraries have allocated an ever-increasing proportion of its budgeted monies to preserve the serials collection, and

Whereas, due to the decrease in purchasing power, there is little money earmarked for new books to support academic programs in the coming year, and

Whereas, the University is ranked near the bottom of the members of the Association of Research Libraries, and will likely lose its membership under the anticipated level of support, and

Whereas, the demands for library services are continually increasing, and

Whereas, the Libraries are currently undertaking a devastating cutback in all types of material acquisitions with continual cutbacks imminent, and

Whereas, across-the-board cancellations, as currently being implemented, adversely affect academic programs, particularly those that are serials-dependent, and the University's ability to achieve its teaching and research goals, and

Whereas, The Libraries Committee has advocated either a dedicated tuition increase or the creation of a student fee to support the Libraries on a continuing basis, and

Whereas, the Libraries Committee has urged that the University's central administration establish academic program priorities to be used as a basis for allocating library materials funds, now therefore

Be It Resolved that the University's central administration should explore all possible avenues for revenue and allocate a larger continuing budget to the Libraries for the acquisition of materials to support teaching and research and for the expansion of the Libraries service and information technology capabilities, and

Be It Further Resolved that the University's central administration establish academic program priorities to be used as a basis for allocating continuing funds for library materials, and

Be It Further Resolved that in the coming year, any revenues derived from give-backs from colleges' operating budgets to support library material acquisitions be matched with new funds from the University.

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