

RESOLUTION

Explore Library funding sources

Whereas, the Faculty Senate applauds the recent effort of the University Administration to make further serials reductions unnecessary this fiscal year by making special provision for the use of endowment funds, but

Whereas for many years the University Libraries materials budget has not kept pace with inflation, because of a lack of increase in continuing monies, and

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

Whereas, the University Libraries is forced to allocate an ever-increasing proportion of its budget to maintain the serials collection, even after canceling some \$250,000 worth of serials this past year, and

Whereas, departments which are serial dependent are especially adversely affected, and

Whereas, due to the decrease in purchasing power for all materials because of inflation, the University Libraries is not able fully to support academic programs, and

Whereas, the demands for a full range of traditional and electronic services are continually increasing, and

Whereas, with the high cost of electronic access our capability has lagged behind other research universities, and

Whereas, the University Administration aims to make this University a research institution of higher rank, and

Whereas, the University Libraries is ranked near the bottom of the members of the Association of Research Libraries, and its membership could be endangered with this continued low level of support, now therefore

Be It Resolved, that the University Administration should explore all possible avenues for revenue by which increased continuing funds are made available to support teaching and research with the acquisition of both traditional and electronic materials and with the expansion of library service and information technology capabilities at a level consistent with a research university, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the University Administration should aim to advance the ranking of the University Libraries among the members of the Association of Research Libraries.

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