

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION ON CSU ELECTRONIC CORE COLLECTION FUNDING

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of California State University San Bernardino strongly supports centralized funding of an Electronic Core Collection (ECC) of library information resources for all CSU campuses, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of California State University San Bernardino understands that the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) funding, as it was set up over a decade ago, is static, with no realistic provision made for inflation. In the recent past, annual “rescues” have been necessary to avoid egregious cuts in the collection.

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of California State University San Bernardino recognizes that centralized funding benefits every CSU campus and is essential for campuses with smaller library budgets because the ECC provides direct access to general and disciplinary resources that would be difficult to fund and sustain locally; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of California State University San Bernardino recognizes that centralized acquisitions of electronic resources allows the CSU system to leverage its purchasing power to negotiate prices that may be unachievable at the individual campus; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of California State University San Bernardino strongly supports increasing base ECC funding:

- 1) to address resource cost inflation to prevent the cancellation of resources on which faculty rely to support the teaching, learning, research, and creative activities of the faculty and students of the CSU,
- 2) to allow expansion of the ECC so that all CSU students and faculty, regardless of campus affiliation, have access to a strong core of disciplinary and general resources to meet their scholarly needs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be shared with the Chancellor; the Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Technology Services; the CSU Academic Affairs Council; The CSU Council of Library Directors (COLD); California State University San Bernardino Foundation Board of Directors; and the committees charged with oversight and management of the ECC (SDLC and EAR).

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RATIONALE:

A resolution in support of increased ECC funding passed the CSU Academic Senate unanimously on January 17-18 (AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev)). As noted in that resolution:

The ECC started in 1999 and in 2008, the Academic Senate of the California State University endorsed the Virtual Library AS-2854-08/AA of which the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) collection is part for CSU students and faculty. Since 2008, the budget has stagnated at \$5 million with no augmentations in ten years. As a result, due to increasing costs of information resources and inflation, the purchasing power of the ECC has diminished and information sources cut to keep within the budget.

This resolution affirms the need for increased funding and brings attention to the special importance of central funding and support for the CSU libraries with smaller library budgets.

Centralized management of the ECC and its funds makes it possible to leverage the CSU's purchasing power to achieve economies of scale in the acquisition of resources, ensuring that campuses are supported in the most cost-effective way. A sizable augmentation of the ECC budget (as recommended in the ASCSU resolution) will allow a significant expansion of the resources available to all campuses. The ECC is currently composed of the following resources:

*ABI Inform (ProQuest)
Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
Academic Complete eBooks (ProQuest)
American Chemical Society Journal Archives
American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS Ebooks Collection)
America History and Life (EBSCO)
Biological Abstracts (Thomson)
CINAHL (EBSCO)
Communication and Mass Media Complete (EBSCO)
CQ Researcher
Digital Dissertations Package A: Humanities and Social Sciences (ProQuest)
Ethnic NewsWatch
GenderWatch
Global Newsstream (ProQuest)
Grove's Music
JSTOR Arts and Sciences (12 collections)
Life Sciences Collection (JSTOR)
MathSciNet
Mergent Online
Modern Language Association (EBSCO and ProQuest)
NetLibrary (EBSCO)
Oxford English Dictionary
Project Muse Standard Collection*

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