CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MONTEREY BAY ACADEMIC SENATE

Resolution on CSU Libraries Electronic Core Collection Funding

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Monterey Bay endorses the Statewide Academic Senate’s resolution in support of centralized funding of an Electronic Core Collection (ECC) of library information resources for all CSU campuses; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate recognizes that centralized funding benefits all CSU campuses, but particularly 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 Academic Senate recognizes that centralized acquisitions of electronic resources allows the CSU system to leverage its purchasing power to negotiate costs that may be unachievable at the individual campus; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate strongly supports increasing base ECC funding: 1) to address resource cost increases and prevent a reduction in the number of ECC resources currently being offered, and 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 the 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); and the committees charged with oversight and management of the ECC (SDLC and EAR).

RATIONALE: The ECC started in 1999. In 2008, the ASCSU endorsed the Virtual Library AS-2854-08/AA of which the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) is a part. Since 2008, the budget has remained at $5 million. Due to increasing costs of information resources and inflation, the purchasing power for the ECC has diminished and library information sources in the collection have been cut to stay within budget. The ECC allows all CSU students access to materials no matter the size and budget of their campus, likely a factor in student success. Further, the value of this collection helps campuses meet accreditation standards of WASC with regard to information literacy and critical thinking. Notably, the ECC is the most fiscally efficient way to maintain library collections because combined purchasing power saves the CSU an estimated $15 million annually. During the 2017-18 academic year, there were 17,774,233 full-text downloads from the CSU Libraries online resources by CSU students and faculty. The ECC currently includes:

- ABI Inform (ProQuest)
- Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
- Academic Complete eBooks (ProQuest)
- ACS Journal Archives
- ACLS Humanities eBooks
- America History and Life
- Biological Abstracts
- Business Source Premier (EBSCO)
- CINAHL
- Communication & Mass Media (EBSCO)
- CQ Researcher
- Digital Dissertations A (ProQuest)
- Ethnic NewsWatch
- GenderWatch
- Global Newsstream (ProQuest)
- Grove’s Music
- JSTOR Arts & Sciences (12 Collections)
- JSTOR Life Sciences Collection
- MathSciNet
- Mergent Online
- MLA Bibliography
- NetLibrary (EBSCO)
- Oxford English Dictionary
- Project Muse Standard
- PsycARTICLES
- PsycINFO
- Safari Tech Books
- Sociological Abstracts
- Springer Historical Backfiles
- SCOP3
- Westlaw: Campus Research
- Wiley Interscience Backfile
- Wiley-Blackwell Backfile