RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATEWIDE ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION ON CSU ELECTRONIC CORE COLLECTION FUNDING

WHEREAS: A resolution in support of increased funding for the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) passed the CSU Academic Senate unanimously on January 17-18, 2019 (AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev)).

WHEREAS: ECC provides disciplinary and interdisciplinary resources essential to support learning, teaching, research, and creative activity needs, and to support student success.

WHEREAS: The resources included in the ECC are subject to annual price increases typically between 3% and 5%.

WHEREAS: As noted in the CSU Academic Senate resolution: “Since 2008, the [ECC] 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.”

WHEREAS: Centralized funding benefits every CSU campus but has become particularly valuable for smaller 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.

WHEREAS: 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 level.

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of CSUN strongly supports centralized funding of an Electronic Core Collection (ECC) of library information resources for all CSU campuses.

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of CSUN strongly supports increasing centralized ECC funding to address resource cost inflation and prevent a reduction in the number of ECC resources currently being offered.

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of CSUN strongly supports increasing centralized ECC funding 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 and scientific needs.

RESOLVED: That this resolution be shared with the Chancellor; the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Technology Services; the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs; the CSU Academic Affairs Committee; and the CSU Council of Library Deans (COLD).
Background: Resources in the Electronic Core Collection:
- ABI Inform (ProQuest)
- Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
- Academic Complete eBooks (ProQuest)
- American Chemical Society Journal Archives
- American Council of Learned Societies
- America History and Life (EBSCO)
- Biological Abstracts (Thomson)
- CINAHL (EBSCO)
- Communication and Mass Media Complete (EBSCO)
- CQ Researcher
- Digital Dissertations Package A (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
- PsycARTICLES (EBSCO and ProQuest)
- PsycINFO (EBSCO and ProQuest)
- Safari Tech Books (ProQuest)
- Sociological Abstracts (ProQuest)
- SpringerLink Online Historical Backfiles
- SCOAP3
- Westlaw: Campus Research – News and Life
- Wiley Interscience Backfile
- Wiley-Blackwell Backfile