

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Sense of the Senate Resolution on CSU Electronic Core Collection Funding

08-18/19-EX – February 12, 2019

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University 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 University Senate recognizes that 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; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University 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 University Senate strongly supports increasing base ECC funding: 1) to address resource cost inflation 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); the HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation Board of Directors; and the committees charged with oversight and management of the ECC (SDLC and EAR).

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:

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