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## Resolution on Increasing Funding for the CSU Electronic Core Collection (ECC)

*APPROVED BY THE CAL STATE LA ACADEMIC SENATE: MAY 7, 2019*

- Whereas: the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles understands that the current CSU Electronic Core Collection (ECC) funding of \$5 million per year, as it was set up in 2008, is stagnant, with no build-in provisions for inflation, price increases, and the increased demand for resources to meet the needs of changing teaching and learning styles; and
- Whereas: the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles recognizes that centralized funding provides equitable access to resources for all CSU students regardless of campus size or resource budget; and
- Whereas: the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles values that ECC provides disciplinary and interdisciplinary resources essential to support learning, teaching, research, and creative activity needs, and to support student success; and
- Whereas: the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles recognizes the value of the ECC in supporting campuses to meet accreditation standards of WASC in information literacy and critical thinking; and
- Whereas: the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles realizes that centralized acquisitions of electronic resources allows the CSU to leverage its purchasing power to negotiate prices that may be unachievable, unsustainable, and difficult to fund at individual campuses; and therefore be it
- Resolved: that the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles endorses the Statewide Academic Senate's resolution (AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev)); and be it further
- Resolved: that the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles strongly supports a funding increase for Electronic Core Collection to sustain and expand the needed resources to support student success; and be it further
- Resolved: that the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles strongly supports a funding increase for Electronic Core Collection to prevent any further reduction in resource provision and to avoid triggering undue financial difficulty at the campus level; 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 Los Angeles Foundation Board of Trustees; and members of the Electronic Access to Information Resources (EAR) and the System-wide Digital Library Content (SDLC).*

### **Background:**

A resolution in support of increased ECC funding passed the CSU Academic Senate unanimously on January 17-18, 2019 (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



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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.

## 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