

At its meeting of September 9, 1996, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution presented by David McNeil from the floor.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION
INTO THE WITHDRAWAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE VOLUMES
FROM THE WAHLQUIST LIBRARY

Whereas, This summer, according to a memorandum from the Political Science selector, the University Library withdrew for discard 9,000 volumes from the political science collection at the Wahlquist Library, ostensibly because they were duplicate copies, obsolete textbooks, or volumes with little use; and

Whereas, A University which expects its faculty and graduate students to engage in research must provide them with research materials; providing an adequate research base for historians and many other faculty and graduate students necessitates maintenance of a collection of materials which may see infrequent use; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the University Library Committee should conduct a thorough investigation into this incident, reporting directly to the Senate no later than the Senate meeting in November; the report should include a complete and factual description of what transpired in this case and should make any recommendations that seem warranted by the facts; be it further

Resolved, That the University Librarian should immediately halt the transfer of books removed from the Wahlquist shelves to Clark for the purposes of removing them from the catalog, and place a moratorium on the discarding of any of the withdrawn books remaining at Clark until the investigation of this incident is completed.