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**S03-1**

At its meeting of February 17, 2003, the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by Miriam Donoho for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

**POLICY RECOMMENDATION  
LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

- Whereas, the CSU Senate has documented that CSU libraries were disproportionately cut in acquisition dollars and staffing when CSU budget cuts were made in the early 1990's and there has not been a restoration of funding or staffing since then<sup>1</sup>, and
- Whereas, there has been no increase in general funds allocated to library acquisitions since 1990<sup>2</sup>, and
- Whereas, the inflationary rate on scholarly materials continues to rise at an annual average of 8% for journals and 5% for books<sup>3</sup>, thus, further reducing buying power, and
- Whereas, the quality of learning and the feasibility of new programs require the availability of adequate online, print and media materials, and
- Whereas, the creation of additional programs usually requires information/resource expenditures, the funds for which must currently be taken from support of existing programs; and
- Whereas, the library is currently insufficiently apprised of campus needs as new programs and courses are created; now therefore be it
- Resolved, that all requests for new programs and permanent courses will be required to include an analysis of library resource needs which has been collaboratively prepared by the requesting department faculty and the library faculty.
- Vote: 12-0-0  
Date Vote Taken: 2-7-03  
Voting: Peter Buzanski, Bob Cooper, Miriam Donoho, Nabil Ibrahim, Judith Lessow-Hurley, David Matthes, Radesh Palakurthi, Bruce Reynolds, Kathy Rott, Dominique Van Hooff, Noelle Williams, Ahmed Hambaba  
No Vote: Argelis Ortiz  
Financial Impact: highly dependent on the nature of the new programs

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Footnotes:

1. Priorities for Strategic Budget Planning (May 2002)  
<http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/actions/2001-2002/2573.doc>
2. Report of the Task Force on Library Collections (August 1998)  
[http://www.calstate.edu/lis/Lib\\_Coll\\_Rpt.pdf](http://www.calstate.edu/lis/Lib_Coll_Rpt.pdf)
3. California Dept. of Finance Annual Price Letters  
[current year] <http://www.dof.ca.gov/html/budlettr/BL02-24.doc>  
[earlier years] <http://www.dof.ca.gov/html/budlettr/budlets.htm>

Approved by President Robert Caret on February 24, 2003.