



At its meeting of March 1, 1999, the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by David Mesher from the floor from Senators Mesher, Roth, Stork, and Van Hooff.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION
AMENDMENT TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARY POLICY

Amends F98-5

Whereas: access to the Wahlquist Library materials, which are to be housed in a temporary facility during the five-year construction of the new library on that site, is crucial for research in many areas of the Humanities and Social Sciences; and

Whereas: the nature of that research often requires the checking of citations and other information from many books at a time, and its results are often enhanced by the ability to browse through entire sections of the collection; and

Whereas: restricting or eliminating such access to this part of the collection for a period of years will severely undermine the academic standards of this university in general, and many of its graduate programs in particular; therefore be it

Resolved: that the "Library Policy for San Jose State University" (F98-5) be amended by the addition of a new section as follows:

9.2.9 Transition: Access to Library Holdings Housed in Temporary Facilities. In general, library materials which must be housed in a temporary facility during the construction phase shall be available on request. Paged materials shall be transported to a designated place on campus and held for pickup by the borrower. In addition, the temporary facility itself shall be open a specified number of hours per week to be set by the Director of the library or his/her designee in order to provide adequate access to the temporarily housed materials by faculty, staff and students for browsing in the collection.

And be it further

Resolved: that the Library be encouraged to study the usage made of the temporary facility, and bring any significant findings to the attention of the Senate in a report to the Library Committee.

Financial Impact: Unknown. Opening stacks to browsers may require adjustments to the floor plan (and budget) of the temporary facility, but bringing high-volume users to the books instead of transporting the books to the users may actually save money on operating costs.

ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Robert Caret on March 4, 1999.