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At its meeting of May 9, 2005, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Heisch for the University Library Board.

**Sense of the Senate Resolution
Endorsing the Annual Report of the ULB**

- Whereas At its April 26, 2005 meeting, The University Library Board presented its annual report on the SJSU Library Budget; and
- Whereas The SJSU Library Budget Study Report and Recommendations¹ updates the report prepared for the Academic Senate in Spring 2003, prior to the opening of the new King Library; and
- Whereas the new King Library is a unique and highly visible example of partnership between San José State University and the City of San Jose; and
- Whereas the continued success of this joint venture is contingent upon appropriate levels of funding; and
- Whereas through Fall 2004, students checked out 100 percent more materials than they did in the last year in Clark Library; and
- Whereas the staff of the University Library has not been increased since the new library was opened, despite the huge increase in student use of a much larger and more complex facility; and
- Whereas in its 2003 Sense of the Senate resolution (**SS-S03-3**) the Academic Senate recognized that the library serves as an equalizer of student opportunity by providing equity in access to information resources and technologies across all disciplines and degree programs; and
- Whereas The Academic Senate acknowledges with sadness and regret that the systemic problems identified in the 2003 report continue to handicap both the Library and the University; and
- Whereas the recommendations of the 2003 report regarding funding from state appropriations remain largely unfulfilled; and

¹ Insert here the entire April 2005 budget report

- Whereas, inadequate funding of acquisitions creates permanent holes in the collection that cannot be filled in by later budget augmentations, thereby limiting the learning and research resources of both current and future generations of students and scholars; and
- 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 1990s, and there has not been a restoration of funding for acquisitions or staffing since then; and
- Whereas, by 2002/2003 the University budget was 47% higher than in 1990/91, the library budget was only 26% higher than its 1990/91 level (in unadjusted dollars); and
- Whereas, the growth in research, graduate programs and number of faculty has been significant since 1990, thus, creating a greater need for library services and scholarly information resources; and
- Whereas, the inflation rate on scholarly materials continues to rise at an annual average of roughly 7% for scholarly information resources, thus, further reducing buying power; therefore be it
- Resolved, that the Academic Senate receive the “SJSU Library Budget Study Report and Recommendations” as submitted by the University Library Board and endorse the concerns raised therein; be it further
- Resolved, that the President be encouraged to establish as a high priority, in consultation with the Senate, the Library, and the administration, allocation of funding commensurate with library funding levels at comparable universities¹; be it further
- Resolved, that the President, the University Planning Council and the Resource Planning Board be encouraged to make funding for library resources a high priority as they progress through the budget priorities process; be it further
- Resolved, that the SJSU Administration, VP for Advancement and the University Library Dean be encouraged to pursue building library endowments for collection and technologies; and let it be finally
- Resolved, that the University Library Board bring detailed reports to the Academic Senate annually on progress being made on issues including funding, acquisitions, services and staffing.
- Vote: 14-0-3
- Present: Breivik, Chang, Crowe, Donoho, Fischer, Gadamsetty, Heisch (chair), Jackson, Nilsen, Redfern, Richardson, Roldan, Salazar, So
- Absent: Parent, Strebel, Woolls
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