

**SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**SS-S19-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, In Support of  
Increased Funding for the California State University System  
Electronic Core Collection**

**Legislative History:** On January 17-18, 2019, a resolution in support of increased funding for the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) passed the CSU Academic Senate unanimously as AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev) -- see attached. The ECC is a bundle of electronic resources (see list below) shared by all CSU libraries. The ECC is funded directly by the Chancellor's Office, but the allocation of \$5 million has not increased since 2008.

**Sense of the Senate Resolution  
In Support of Increased Funding for the California State  
University System Electronic Core Collection**

- WHEREAS: The ECC allows all CSU students access to materials no matter the size and budget of their campus, which in turn leads to their success. Further, the value of this collection helps campuses meet accreditation standards of WASC in information literacy and critical thinking. Fiscally, this is the most efficient way to maintain library collections because this combined purchasing power saves the CSU an estimated \$15 million annually; and
- WHEREAS: The ECC is reviewed annually by the systemwide Electronic Access to Resources (EAR) Committee for reduction and/or replacement of resources to ensure efficient use of funding; and
- WHEREAS: The CSU Council of Library Directors (COLD) is faced with major cuts to the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) due to inflation and lack of funding increases, thereby damaging teaching, learning, research, and creative activities by faculty and students in the CSU; and
- WHEREAS: The Academic Senate of San José State University strongly supports centralized funding of an Electronic Core Collection (ECC) of library information resources for all CSU campuses; and
- WHEREAS: The Academic Senate recognizes that centralized acquisitions of electronic resources allow the CSU system to leverage its purchasing power to negotiate costs that may be unachievable at the individual campus; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate strongly supports increasing base ECC funding: 1) to address resource cost inflation and prevent a reduction in the number of ECC resources currently being offered; and 2) to allow expansion of the ECC so that all CSU students and faculty, regardless of campus affiliation, have access to a strong and diverse collection of resources; 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); and the committees charged with oversight and management of the ECC.

Approved: Monday, May 6, 2019

Vote: 9-0-0

Present: Taylor, Marachi, Tian, Barron, Smith, Harlan, Ramsour, Sasikumar, Megwalu

Absent: Crudo, Roy, Gaylle

Financial Impact: None

Workload Impact: None

#### ADDENDUM:

*The ECC is currently composed of the following resources:*

*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*

**AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev) January 17-18, 2019**

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev)  
November 8-9, 2018

**INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE ELECTRONIC CORE COLLECTION (ECC)**

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU recognize that the CSU Council of Library Directors (COLD) is faced with major cuts to the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) due to inflation and lack of funding increases, thereby damaging teaching, learning, research, and creative activities by faculty and students in the CSU; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) urge the Chancellor to increase the funding for the Electronic Core Collection (ECC), in order to address increasing costs and continue to reap the advantages of collective purchasing power; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, Council of Library Directors (COLD), CSU ERFSA, and the California State Student Association (CSSA).

***RATIONALE:*** *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 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.*

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*The ECC currently includes 52 online collections and databases (list attached). During the 2017-18 academic year, there were 17,774,233 full-text downloads from the CSU Libraries online resources by CSU students and faculty.*

***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*
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**Approved Unanimously – January 17-18, 2019**