WHEREAS, the University Library was built to accommodate 6,600 full-time equivalent students, and must currently serve 13,800 annual average FTE students; and

WHEREAS, the seating capacity of the present facility was established at 1,650 reading stations, only 935 are now available, and accepted CSUC standards justify a minimum of 2,760 stations based on seating twenty percent of the FTE enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the planned volume capacity of the library building was set at 150,000 volumes, while current holdings approximate 1,300,000 items including 460,000 volumes; and

WHEREAS, reader station space in the reading rooms has been relinquished to provide stack areas to house the collections; and

WHEREAS, the assigned function of the Faculty Reading Room has been changed to accommodate student seating; and

WHEREAS, justified library space is now shared with the Learning Assistance Center and the Language Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, the present overcrowded conditions within the Library discourage effective and maximum use of the Library's excellent resources by both students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, the Administration must now seek temporary book storage facilities outside of the Library, which will further limit accessibility to the collections; and

WHEREAS, continued efforts have been made since 1965 to secure adequate building space, including the drafting of a full set of architectural working drawings; now, be it therefore

RESOLVED: that the Faculty Library Committee places highest priority on the early construction of a new and adequate library building, that the Academic Senate be urged to give vigorous support to the acquisition of these new facilities, and that President Robert E. Kennedy be requested to provide active leadership in establishing the new library as the number one building priority on Cal Poly's Capital Outlay list.

APPROVED

JULY 13, 1976