WHEREAS, the Governor has not included funding for the Cal Poly University Library in his 1977-78 Capital Outlay Program Budget, and

WHEREAS, continued efforts since 1965 have been unsuccessful in securing adequate library space even though architectural drawings were completed in 1970-71, and

WHEREAS, the present University Library was built to accommodate 6,600 FTE students and is now unable to adequately serve the 14,200 FTE students and 835 FTE faculty, and the many research needs of the Central Coast region, and

WHEREAS, the seating capacity of the present facility was intended to accommodate 1,650 reading stations, and only 1,051 (7.4% of FTE) substandard stations are now available, and accepted national standards justify 3,550 reader stations (25% of FTE), and the California State University and Colleges standards justify 2,840 stations (20% of FTE), and

WHEREAS, the planned volume capacity of the library building was set at 150,000 volumes, which currently house 1,441,361 items, including 486,332 volumes, and the addition of materials received at the current rate of 135,462 items, including 35,132 volumes per year, will cause the deletion of 60 to 80 seats per year, and

WHEREAS, 70,000 volumes have been placed in closed access storage due to the extreme congestion of the bookstacks, thus limiting accessibility to part of the collection. Further delay will necessitate a reduction in the number of subscriptions, elimination of some current holdings, and/or curtailment of services, and

WHEREAS, the University could jeopardize its accreditation in various programs because of its lack of minimal library facilities, and

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

WHEREAS, even if the building were presently funded, a two-year construction period will now make these conditions even more intolerable and unmanageable, and

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WHEREAS, the original building as planned in 1970-71 has more than doubled in cost because of inflationary construction costs which will continue to spiral, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Library Committee and the Academic Senate have previously urged that the library receive the highest construction priority, and vigorous support by the President in securing funding for a new library building, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Library Committee believes there can no longer be a delay in construction, even one year, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate be urged to solicit the assistance of appropriate administrators, all faculty, all staff, all students, the faculty and staff organizations, the student affairs council, and local state legislators in pursuing immediate funding for the building, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate request President Kennedy to inform the Senate of his specific program of action for securing funding for a new University Library building this fiscal year, and to report on the progress.