

Adopted: November 24, 1998

**ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

**AS-509-98/EX
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN UNDIMINISHED ALLOCATION
OF THE ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL LIBRARY FUNDING BY THE STATE
APPORTIONED TO CAL POLY IN THIS AND IN FUTURE YEARS**

- WHEREAS, The California State University Academic Senate urged the campuses to support its resolution (AS-2429-98/AA) entitled: *Support for the "Report of the Task Force on Library Collections" and Restoration of Funding for Library Collections*; and
- WHEREAS, The resolution urges the Chancellor and Board of Trustees to support the recommendation of the report that requests "that the \$10 million one-time supplemental funding in the 1998-1999 general fund budget be 'earmarked' to assure that these funds are used to restore in part the library purchasing power lost since 1990-1991;" and
- WHEREAS, The resolution further urges that "every effort be made to add the \$10 million one-time supplemental funding in 1998-1999 to the base budget in future years with adjustments for inflation and to assure that it is used for library acquisitions;" and
- WHEREAS, The foregoing resolution ensued from the fact that:
the costs of library materials have risen more steeply than any other commodity purchased by the university in the nineties;
between FY 90-91 and FY 97-98, the price of library books increased by 29 percent and that of periodicals rose by 87 percent;
the rising disparity between the costs of library books and serials works to the disadvantage of the former;
the CSU libraries collectively have experienced a cancellation rate of 26 percent; eight years ago 19 libraries purchased 263,379 books while last year 22 libraries purchased 226,668—a reduction of 14 percent;
during the same time period staffing in 19 libraries was reduced from 1,217 FfE positions (a ratio of 0.6 FfE positions per 100 FfES) to 1,127 positions (a ratio of 0.43 FfE positions per 100 FfES) in 22 libraries, and eight years ago 19 libraries borrowed 126,549 items from other libraries while last year 22 libraries borrowed 159,671 items from other libraries—an increase of 25 percent; and
- WHEREAS, Cal Poly, as compared with the other CSU libraries ranked:
first in circulation/lending time of library materials;
first in the number of inter-library loan/document delivery requests (indicating significant unmet student/faculty need in our existing holdings);
eighth in real dollars spent on library materials in 1995-1996; and
- WHEREAS, Since 1992 the Cal Poly library has been forced to eliminate:
881 journals and reference serials;
263 microfilm subscriptions;
24 newspapers; and

- WHEREAS, More than \$150,000 will be required to license electronic resources; and
- WHEREAS, Funding to the Kennedy Library of its share of the \$10 million one-time allocation from the CSU will total \$493,000; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Academic Senate urge the administration to dedicate the entire sum received as a proportion of the one-time allocation by the State to the CSU libraries to the Kennedy Library; and, be it further
- RESOLVED: That should any additional funds be allotted to the CSU libraries in the future, the entire quota apportioned to Cal Poly be dedicated to the Kennedy Library without diminution.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: November 17, 1998

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Memorandum

Academic Senate

To: Myron Hood
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: January 6, 1999

From: 
Warren J. Baker
President

Copies: P. Zingg, H. Davis

Subject: Academic Senate Resolution AS-509-98/EX (Resolution in Support of an Undiminished Allocation of the One-time Supplemental Library Funding by the State Apportioned to Cal Poly in This and in Future Years)

I am pleased to accept this Resolution in support of the University's Library receiving the one-time supplemental funding available in the 1998-99 budget. You will be pleased to note that \$492,000 has been allocated to Cal Poly from the CSU Systemwide funds, and that the funds have been transferred to the Library. The Library will expend these funds in consultation with the colleges and UCTE based on strategic plans to maintain core collections, build niche collections, add new electronic resources, prepay serials subscriptions and begin collection endowments.

Please extend my appreciation to the Academic Senate Executive Committee for their support of the Library in this important budgetary initiative.