WHEREAS, The Kennedy Library collections (both print and electronic) represent one of the key elements of Cal Poly's mission, yet these resources are currently only an implicit component of Cal Poly's strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly prides itself on a vibrant curriculum, reflecting advances in academic disciplines and the scholarship of teaching and learning, but these high-quality programs require rapid access to a core collection of scholarly resources, whether it be print or electronic; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly's Strategic Plan for support of faculty and staff explicitly states, "Consistent with its expectations, Cal Poly shall continue to improve classroom space, classroom equipment, supplies, study space, communication and information technologies, books, periodicals and other resources"; and

WHEREAS, The absence of a fiscal plan providing sustainable funding for library materials has resulted in deterioration of these collections (see Charts 1-3); and

WHEREAS, Current funding projections, if continued without modification, are such that all colleges will soon be seriously impacted to the detriment of their teaching and scholarly activities, and in some cases, jeopardizing departmental accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Continued levels and trends in funding support for library materials will threaten Cal Poly's ability to achieve its stated goals of ensuring the highest quality education to its students, and support for the professional development of its faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, The Kennedy Library's funding for library materials is substantially
RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge the administration to recognize Cal Poly's Kennedy Library explicitly and consistently as one of the critical educational resources and units which contributes substantially to the fulfillment of the Cal Poly mission as well as that of the colleges; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Statewide Academic Senators representing Cal Poly draft a resolution in the Statewide Academic Senate urging the Chancellor to seek an augmentation in the CSU Library Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University place a high priority on increasing the budget for Library Materials to the CSU average (currently at $120 per student); and be it further

RESOLVED: That in future years the University place a high priority on maintaining the Library Materials budget at at least the CSU average.

Proposed by: Senate Library Committee
February 16, 2000
Chart 1. Increasing Cost and Declining Number of Books Purchased at Cal Poly

- **UNMET NEEDS**
  - **ONE-TIME FUNDS**
  - **BOOKS**

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Chart 2. Increasing Cost and Declining Subscriptions for Academic Journals at Cal Poly

- **1988/89**: 5,662 Journals, $2,500,000.00
- **1994/95**: 3,665 Journals, $2,000,000.00
- **1998/99**: 3,105 Journals, $1,500,000.00
- **Projected 2003/04**: 1,820 Journals, $1,155,910

- **UNMET NEEDS/CANCELLED**: $1,155,910
- **ONE-TIME FUNDS**: $209,027
- **JOURNALS**: $246,629
- **ONE-TIME FUNDS**: $138,320

Costs have increased significantly, while subscriptions have declined.
Chart 3. Increasing Unfunded Cost of Electronic Resources

Dollars Spent for Licenses

$0

$100,000

$200,000

$300,000

$400,000

$500,000

$600,000

1988/89

1994/95

1998/99

Projected 2003/04

Fiscal Years

- UNMET NEEDS
- ELECTRONIC RESOURCES UNLICENSED

represents average total resource expenditure per student, systemwide: $120
To: Myron Hood  
Chair, Academic Senate  

Date: October 24, 2000  

From: Warren J. Baker  
President  

Copies: Paul Zingg  
Hiram Davis  

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-536-00ILC  
Resolution in Support of a Sustainable Library Materials Budget to Reverse Long-term Erosion of College Collections  

I am pleased to accept the above subject Resolution and to acknowledge its concerns and to affirm the central role of the Library in fulfilling the University's mission. I will work to ensure that addressing library issues are a high priority on the Systemwide agenda, and I will work with the Provost and deans to see how we can identify resources within the University to apply to this purpose. In addition, the needs of the Library are reflected in the Centennial Campaign goals.