



Academic Senate Approved: 4/25/19

RESOLUTION ON SUPPORTING LIBRARY COLLECTIONS NECESSARY FOR FACULTY AND STUDENT SUCCESS

WHEREAS A primary obligation of the Meriam Library is to provide access to scholarly content essential to student and faculty success in all Colleges, supporting excellence in teaching, learning, and research at Chico State University; and

WHEREAS Faculty at Chico State University are directly impacted by the funding necessary to support resources essential to success in the teacher-scholar model, and should be apprised of improvements or detriments to collections funding; and

WHEREAS The Chancellor's Office has provided a set of essential resources for all CSU campuses through centralized funding of the Electronic Core Collection (ECC); and

WHEREAS The ECC has not received a funding increase since 2008, resulting in further and deeper cuts to the ECC due to inflation; and

WHEREAS Such cuts force individual campuses to either terminate access to resources or pay for them locally, often at a higher price; and

WHEREAS In January 2019, the Academic Senate of the California State University, unanimously passed resolution ([AS-3351-18/FGA/AA \(Rev\)](#)), calling on the Chancellor's Office to increase funding for the ECC to address rising costs and continue to reap the advantages of collective purchasing power; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of Chico State affirm its support of the resolution passed by the Academic Senate of the California State University, calling on the Chancellor's Office to increase funding for the ECC; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of Chico State University endorses the Statewide Academic Senate's resolution in support of centralized funding of an Electronic Core Collection (ECC) of library information resources for all CSU campuses, and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate recognizes that centralized funding benefits every CSU campus but has become particularly valuable for campuses with smaller library budgets because the ECC provides direct access to general and disciplinary resources that would be difficult to fund and sustain locally; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate recognizes that centralized acquisitions of electronic resources allows the CSU system to leverage its purchasing power to negotiate costs that may be unachievable at the individual campus; and be it further





RESOLVED That the Academic Senate strongly supports increasing base ECC funding: 1) to address resource cost increases 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 core of disciplinary and general resources to meet their scholarly needs; and be it further

RESOLVED That the resolution be shared with the Chancellor; the Assistant Vice Chancellor; Academic Senate of the CSU; 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 (SDLC and EAR).

RATIONALE:

Collaboration and resource-sharing are critical to providing meaningful library collections to the campuses and the university as a whole. Collectively negotiated licenses to electronic resources are critical to CSU Libraries' efforts to meet student and faculty research needs. These collaborative efforts broaden and deepen the information resources available across the University and all 23 campuses.

The ECC started in 1999; 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. The ECC provides greater access at reduced cost, to electronic resources and databases across disciplines. - Since 2008, the budget has stagnated at \$5 million with no augmentations for 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 have been cancelled to keep within the budget.

Similar resolutions calling for support of ECC funding were passed by the University Senate of Humboldt State University, Sonoma State University, San Luis Obispo, East Bay, and the CSU Academic Senate.

Additional background information about the Electronic Core Collection was included in the CSU Academic Senate resolution, and is copied below:

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

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