

# **Academic Senate, California State University, Fresno**

## **Resolution in support of stable budgetary support for library collections**

**WHEREAS**, adequate access to published research, scholarship, and other information through library-acquired resources is essential to higher education, to student success, and to faculty research and scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, costs of library resources increase at inflation rates that exceed the Consumer Price Index, averaging 6% annually in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, budget sources for funding for the Henry Madden Library and its collections have been inconsistent from one academic year to the next, fluctuating fiscal year to fiscal year by as much as a 19% reduction to a 14% increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the current library materials budget allocation for FY 2020–21 represents a reduction of 25% from the amount spent on library materials allocation in FY 2014–15; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians and library staff, including subject area experts, have conducted a thorough review of library subscription resources to meet this FY 2020–21 reduction, and have determined that remaining resources are essential to campus needs; and

**WHEREAS**, cancellations of library subscriptions in FY 2019–20 resulted in concerns expressed by faculty across campus, which necessitated reinstatement of many subscriptions, indicating that this reduction tested the limits of campus needs; and

**WHEREAS**, cancellations made and communicated to the campus community for FY 2019–20 and FY 2020–21 have already resulted in expressions of concern from the faculty members of several colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, given the limited availability of alternate access to resources, these cancellations would have a negative impact on teaching, learning, scholarship, and research at California State University, Fresno; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno, requests that Academic Affairs leadership develop a budget model to ensure continued access to library resources that support the information needs of the faculty, students, and staff of California State University, Fresno, by providing stable funding to maintain essential subscription resources; to respond to the needs of faculty and students in both ongoing and new programs; to keep library collections and instructional materials current; and to support interlibrary loan services for items we do not have in our collections; and it be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be distributed to the President, Provost, Deans, Department Chairs and Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University, Fresno.