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RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY PLANNING IN THE CSU
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- WHEREAS, The Statewide Academic Senate has written the attached resolution (AS-2115-92/AA) supporting appropriate levels of planning for the libraries in CSU; and
- WHEREAS, This resolution accurately describes the current status of the libraries and the inadequate levels of funding support for them; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University wholeheartedly supports this resolution (AS-2115-92/AA).

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

AS-2115-92/AA
NOVEMBER 12-13, 1992

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- WHEREAS, Recent analysis provided in Background Documents for January Library Report for the Commission on Learning Resources and Instructional Technology reflects a precipitous erosion of funding for California State University libraries, indicating that for the three budgeted years represented the number of dollars actually allocated was \$61,000,000 (20%) less than the General Fund Appropriation; and
- WHEREAS, The General Fund appropriation was considered to be nearly \$100,000,000 lower than the official CSU budget request during this three year period; and
- WHEREAS, Over a seven-year period book purchases have eroded from a high of 382,760 books acquired in 1985-86 to a low of approximately 201,000 in 1991-92, a drop of 47% and the number of journals subscribed to has dropped during 1985-86 to 1991-92 from approximately 60,000 to 58,400; and
- WHEREAS, Background Documents for January Library Report for the Commission on Learning Resources and Instructional Technology, September 1992 provides an elaboration of the components that will characterize a successful academic library of the 1990's and beyond, and outlines the current status of "information technology" in CSU libraries as well as what is still being accomplished and planned; and
- WHEREAS, Visions of electronic libraries are uncertain, and enthusiasm for electronic solutions or a desire to avoid the high cost of continuing present operation should not be the sole justifications for technological advancement in libraries; and
- WHEREAS, As operations and services become more complex and more capital-intensive, ad hoc unsystematic decision making can lead library services down unproductive paths, and correcting mistakes becomes expensive and disruptive; and
- WHEREAS, To proceed with further movement toward a electronic libraries without librarian and other faculty consultation could lead to over-enthusiastic solutions, considering

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the cost of such ventures, and could lead to the adoption of impractical or unsuitable strategies, particularly when one considers the CSU's constrained financial situation; and

WHEREAS, There is vital concern among many members of the library and scholarly community regarding the interpretation of the copyright law with respect to electronic access and document delivery; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University applaud the efforts of the CSU libraries toward shared access to collections and for their demonstrated efforts at cooperation among libraries, computer centers, and telecommunications areas; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the Chancellor to ensure that the inclusion of library services takes place in a careful and systematic way, allowing full participation of librarians and other faculty; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the Chancellor to ensure that library plans for library development in the CSU be based primarily on campus determinations of the appropriate balance of traditional and electronic library services in their campus libraries; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge local senates to work with libraries to determine the appropriate balance of traditional and electronic library services in their campus libraries; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU strongly urge the Chancellor to ensure campus presidents make every effort to provide adequate funding for traditional library services as campus plans for appropriate integration of electronic services proceed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the Chancellor encourage appropriate units in his office to investigate and keep current with copyright developments and to work with vendors in the development of products requested and currently needed by CSU libraries.

SECOND READING - January 14-15, 1993