

Resolution on Library Monographs Budget

WHEREAS many fields in the humanities, the social sciences, the arts, and the health professions rely substantially on monographs for faculty research and for research assignments in courses; and

WHEREAS the Schurz Library monograph budget has fallen to approximately \$2000 for the coming year, which is not enough to purchase even one monograph per faculty member; and

WHEREAS the Higher Learning Commission has recently identified the monograph budget as a component of the campus that needs attention;

THEREFORE the Academic Senate resolves that Chancellor Reck and other administrators engaged in formulating the 2008-2009 campus budget consider the monograph budget as one of the highest priorities for new funding;

AND further resolves that this high priority for new funding remain in place in future campus budgets until an appropriate level of base budget funding for monographs is reached without further eroding the serials and electronic resources budget;

AND further resolves that in absence of other guiding principle developed in consultation with the faculty and the Schurz Library librarians, that an appropriate level of base budget funding for monographs shall be understood as sufficient funding to purchase one monograph per student each year or 7500 monographs.