

**RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT**

WHEREAS: The Library is the heart of the university and maintaining an excellent library is essential for ISU to maintain quality programs in research, teaching, and extension/outreach.

WHEREAS: The University Library continues to face uncontrolled and externally driven market forces that exceed the financial benchmarking of HEPI

WHEREAS: The Library is faced with the challenges of shaping a first-rate interdisciplinary research collection, building a costly next generation e-Library, and reframing physical space and services to support changed student work patterns.

WHEREAS: Current financial support for the Library is inadequate to meet these future demands.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Faculty Senate of Iowa Sate University is committed to maintaining excellence in the library, and supports specific efforts to maintain and improve the financial support for the Library:

1. We support making adequate financial support of the Library a top priority for the central administration under the new budget model
2. We support making adequate financial support of the Library a top priority for the colleges under the new budget model.
3. We strongly endorse the University Library Committee's exploration with the students of the institution of a student library fee. We believe that the quality of all student's education will suffer if the University Library is allowed to continue to decline.
4. We support the goal of fiscal management underpinning the university strategic plan sustaining the acquisition budget in a manner that will at minimum keep pace with the Library Acquisitions Price Index.