

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #19-04

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR INCREASED CSU FUNDING FOR THE
ELECTRONIC CORE COLLECTION (ECC)

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo, and
- WHEREAS: In January 2019, the Academic Senate of the California State University unanimously passed resolution (AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev))¹, calling on the Chancellor's Office to increase funding for the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) to address increasing costs and to continue reaping the advantages of collective purchasing power¹, and
- WHEREAS: The ECC is a set of essential electronic academic resources which can be found listed in the background of the Academic Senate of the California State University resolution (AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev))¹ funded centrally by the Chancellor's Office, and
- WHEREAS: The ECC has not received a funding increase since 2008, remaining flat at \$5 million per year¹, causing a loss of approximately \$960,000 of buying power in the last ten years, and
- WHEREAS: To stay within the \$5 million ECC budget, the core collection has had to be modified over time, pushing costs of core information resources onto individual campuses, and
- WHEREAS: A recent example of such burden shifting was the elimination of LexisNexis Academic Universe from the ECC in 2017; the Robert E. Kennedy Library only maintained access for Cal Poly by diverting approximately \$30,000 per year from other resources, and
- WHEREAS: A longer-standing example of such cuts from 2012 was when the ECC stopped funding 10% of several large journal packages including Elsevier Journals and Springer-Nature Journals, shifting 100% of the costs onto individual campuses, and
- WHEREAS: The ECC is facing more cuts in 2019-20 due to ongoing inflation, and
- WHEREAS: Such cuts will damage teaching, learning, research, and creative activities of faculty and students in the CSU².
- THEREFORE
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RESOLVED: As the official voice of Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors urge the Chancellor's Office to make funding for core electronic resources a priority, and

¹ Academic Senate of California State Universities - <http://calstate.edu/AcadSen/records/resolutions/2018-2019/Documents/3351.shtml>

² CPI Inflation Calculator - <https://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl>

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RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors urge the Cal State Student Association (CSSA) Board of Directors to acknowledge the severity of this issue and take action by means of a resolution urging the Chancellor to increase funding for the ECC, and

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RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to the CSSA Board of Directors, Chancellor Timothy White, President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Provost Kathleen Enz Finken, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Planning Mary Pederson, the California State University Academic Senate, and the Cal Poly Academic Senate.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of _____ 2019.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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