

A RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUNDS(05/7)

- Whereas, The George Washington University aspires to “move solidly into the ranks of first-tier educational institutions” (Strategic Plan for Academic Excellence, Goal 1); and
- Whereas, the University further seeks to “strengthen GW’s infrastructure, including the University’s libraries” (Goal 5); and
- Whereas, neither goal can be attained without first-tier library resources; and
- Whereas, both endowments and university allocations are vital sources of funding for the libraries; and
- Whereas, funding for the Gelman Library System from both endowments and university allocations are significantly lower than libraries at peer institutions (see attachment # 1); and
- Whereas, surveys of faculty and students have consistently shown dissatisfaction with the depth and breadth of the collection of the Gelman Library (see attachment # 2 for faculty responses); and
- Whereas, it is in the interest of the Faculty Senate and the University that library resources available for research and instruction be of the highest quality;
NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

1. That the University Administration request that the University Librarian provide a 5-year plan through which, by gradual increases in the library collection budget beginning in FY 2008, the collection budget will reach a level equal to the mean level of ARL libraries in GW’s market basket group; and
2. That the University Administration prepare an annual report for the Faculty Senate on its progress in meeting the goals set out in the 5-year plan provided by the University Librarian; and
3. That the University Administration further makes the Gelman Library System a high priority in fundraising in order to increase both funds for current use and the endowment for it so as to help meet the goals set out in Resolving Clause 1.

Faculty Senate Committee on Libraries
March 31, 2006

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