IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate & Professional Student Senate

Senate Resolution S09-03
Feb 23, 2009

TITLE: Telling the ISU campus Graduate & Professional Students Support the Library

WHEREAS: Graduate and professional students rely on the Library for their academic lives more than most other students, and

WHEREAS: The Iowa State University Library has decreased dramatically in Association Research Libraries rankings in the past decade from 73 in 1995 to 81 in 2007, and

WHEREAS: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate is aware and concerned with impending budget cuts caused by decreased state appropriations to the Board of Regents and State of Iowa institutions, and

WHEREAS: The need for new journal titles, monographs, and indices continues to increase with the growth of the ISU strategic initiatives and interdepartmental programs, and

WHEREAS: The Library annually experiences inflationary increases nearly double the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), and

WHEREAS: The Library has not been able to maintain its high level of service due to not replacing lost staff, cancelation of duplicate journals and print copies of journals, and joining several collective bargaining consortia, and

WHEREAS: Of ISU’s peers in the Big 12 Conference, eight have already instituted student library fees, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate continues to support the Iowa State University Library in all its functions, and be it further

RESOLVED: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate supports continued exploration of a library student fee in the upcoming years to continue and enhance all student-centered operations within the Library, and be it further

ENACTED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of ISU, the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Vice President of Business and Finance, the President of the Government of the Student Body, the President of the Faculty Senate, and Dean Olivia Madison.

SPONSORS: Ford, Z., Gross, A., Kappes., M.

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