The Faculty Senate supports the Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for the California State University System Electronic Core Collection.

WHEREAS: The Faculty Senate of Sacramento State University strongly supports centralized funding of an Electronic Core Collection (ECC) of library information resources for all CSU campuses; and

WHEREAS: The Faculty Senate recognizes that centralized funding benefits every CSU campus, but has become particularly valuable for smaller campuses with smaller library budgets because the ECC provides direct access to general and disciplinary resources that would be difficult to fund and sustain locally; and

WHEREAS: The Faculty Senate recognizes that centralized acquisitions of electronic resources allows the CSU system to leverage its purchasing power to negotiate costs that may be unachievable at the individual campus; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate strongly supports increasing base ECC funding: 1) to address resource cost inflation and prevent a reduction in the number of ECC resources currently being offered; and 2) to allow expansion of the ECC so that all CSU students and faculty, regardless of campus affiliation, have access to a strong and diverse collection of resources; be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be shared with the Chancellor; the Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Technology Services; the CSU Academic Affairs Council; The CSU Council of Library Directors (COLD); and the committees charged with oversight and management of the ECC (SDLC and EAR).

RATIONALE:

A resolution in support of increased ECC funding passed the CSU Academic Senate unanimously on January 17-18, 2019 (AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev)). As noted in that resolution:

“The ECC started in 1999 and in 2008, the Academic Senate of the California State University endorsed the Virtual Library AS-2854-08/AA of which the Electronic Core Collection (ECC) collection is part for CSU students and faculty. Since 2008, the budget has stagnated at $5 million with no augmentations in ten years. As a result, due to increasing costs of information resources and inflation, the purchasing power of the ECC has diminished and information sources cut to keep within the budget.

This resolution affirms the need for increased funding and brings attention to the special importance of central funding and support for the CSU libraries with smaller library budgets.
Centralized management of the ECC and its funds makes it possible to leverage the CSU’s 
purchasing power to achieve economies of scale in the acquisition of resources, ensuring that 
campuses are supported in the most cost-effective way. A sizable augmentation of the ECC 
budget (as recommended in the ASCSU resolution) will allow a significant expansion of the 
resources available to all campuses.

The ECC is currently composed of the following resources:

- ABI Inform (ProQuest)
- Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
- Academic Complete eBooks (ProQuest)
- American Chemical Society Journal Archives
- American Council of Learned Societies America History and Life (EBSCO)
- Biological Abstracts (Thomson) CINAHL (EBSCO)
- Communication and Mass Media Complete (EBSCO)
- CQ Researcher Digital Dissertations Package A (ProQuest)
- Ethnic NewsWatch
- GenderWatch
- Global Newsstream (ProQuest)
- Grove’s Music
- JSTOR Arts and Sciences (12 collections)
- Life Sciences Collection (JSTOR)
- MathSciNet
- Mergent Online Modern Language Association (EBSCO and ProQuest)
- NetLibrary (EBSCO)
- Oxford English Dictionary
- Project Muse Standard Collection
- PsycARTICLES (EBSCO and ProQuest)
- PsycINFO (EBSCO and ProQuest)
- Safari Tech Books (ProQuest)
- Sociological Abstracts (ProQuest)
- SpringerLink Online Historical Backfiles
- SCOAP3 Westlaw: Campus Research – News and Life
1. Wiley Interscience Backfile
2. Wiley-Blackwell Backfile”