TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

SUBJECT: 18-19 BEC 7: Resolution Regarding the CSU Electronic Core Collection Funding

PURPOSE: Approval by the Academic Senate

BACKGROUND:
During the Report of the Provost at a recent Executive Committee meeting, the committee was made aware of pressing issues related to the sustainable funding of the Electronic Core Collection (ECC). Given recent resolutions passed by the University Senate of Humboldt State University (08-18/19-EX) and the CSU Academic Senate ((AS-3351-18/FGA/AA (Rev))), the following Resolution has been put forth by the Executive Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED:
That the CSUEB Academic Senate adopt the following resolution.

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WHEREAS equitable access to database and resources ensures that our students, faculty and staff have the materials that they need for their research and scholarship; and

WHEREAS the CSU Electronic Core Collection provides this access to the campus communities; and

WHEREAS the budget for the CSU Electronic Core Collection has stagnated at $5 million, despite the increasing costs of licenses and inflation; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate endorse the resolutions from the ASCSU and from the University Senate of Humboldt State; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate strongly supports an increase in the funding for the Electronic Core Collection, so as to prevent a reduction in the resources that are available as part of the collection; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the 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: Collaboration and resource-sharing are critical to providing meaningful library collections to the campuses and the university as a whole. Collectively negotiated licenses to electronic resources are critical to CSU Libraries’ efforts to meet student and faculty research needs. These collaborative efforts broaden and deepen the information resources available across the University and all 23 campuses.

The ECC started in 1999; 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. The ECC provides greater access at reduced cost, to electronic resources and databases across disciplines. Since 2008, the budget has stagnated at $5 million with no augmentations for 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.

Similar resolutions calling for support of ECC funding, were passed by the University Senate of Humboldt State University and the CSU Academic Senate.

Additional background information about the Electronic Core Collection was included in the CSU Academic Senate resolution, and is copied below:

**Resources in the Electronic Core Collection**

- 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
- Wiley Interscience Backfile
  - Wiley-Blackwell Backfile