

Resolution Regarding UNT Libraries

Whereas to support the Academic Plan, the UNT Libraries must provide the University community first class services, first class facilities, along with first class collections; and

Whereas for only the 2nd year, the Student Library Fee funds all of the Libraries' operations (unlike other research institutions in Texas), of which the materials budget is only one part; and

Whereas in addition to the materials budget, the Student Library Fee must cover improvements to technology, renovations to existing facilities, furniture, other M & O, market and merit adjustments for librarians, merit and reclassification for staff, training and travel budgets, while building a reserve fund; and

Whereas the University Libraries must reduce the 2005/06 materials budget due to the necessary commitments to other budget needs; and

Whereas this reduction in materials budget stalls support to the academic plan and the stated objectives of the University of North Texas; and

Whereas implementation of the academic plan will require stronger budgetary support by the University of North Texas for the Libraries; and

Whereas the University's Academic Plan acknowledges that our goals demand new solutions, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate views the projected materials budget with great concern and recommends that \$400,000 of additional University funds be directed to the Libraries' budget to prevent a reduction of all academic department funding allocations.

proposed to the UNT Faculty Senate
by Rick Reidy, Faculty Senator
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