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### Senate Recommendation to the Provost

Originating Body Faculty Senate Originator : Michael O'Loughlin, President 

Date submitted June 18, 2009 Requested Effective date ASAP

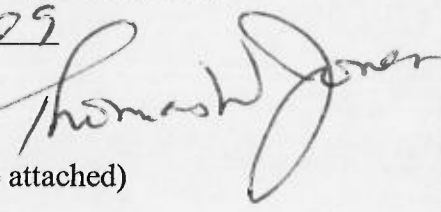
**Recommendations:** At the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate, the Senate unanimously passed the following resolution: "The Senate strongly encourages the Salisbury University administration to make increased funding for the library an annual priority."

Attach any supporting documentation: Library Committee report, details both the history and present comparative library budgets that exhibit the troubling status of the University's library.

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Action Taken by Provost:

Date 6/22/09

☒ Recommendation Accepted ☐ Recommendation Not Accepted 

☐ Recommendation returned to Originating Body for further review (see attached)

Disposition for Approved Recommendation:

☒ President  
☒ Faculty Senate Chair  
☒ ~~Forum Chair~~  
☐ Webmaster  
☐ Catalogue Editor  
☐ Student Handbook Editor  
☐ Faculty Handbook Editor

☒ VP Student Affairs  
☒ VP Finance  
☒ School Deans  
☐ Graduate Council  
☐ Provost Council  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Library Committee Report to the Faculty Senate, May 7, 2009

### Resolution:

The Senate Library Committee presents a resolution asking the Senate to strongly encourage that the Salisbury University administration make increased funding of Library resources an annual priority.

### History:

Whereas, the 2006 final Middle States report to Salisbury University noted that one of the strengths of the university included “a revitalization and re-focus on the library as essential to the academic enterprise,” and whereas the 2006-2008 strategic plan included a goal of “providing resources, including a new facility and an enhanced operating budget, to make the library a focal point of learning, scholarship, interaction and invention among students, faculty and staff.”

The Senate Library Committee would like to point out that despite modest increases, progress in advancing the library facilities and resources do not address the real needs of the library.

### Documentation:

- In 2000, Salisbury University ranked 10<sup>th</sup> out of 11 performance peer institutions in number of volumes held. In 2006, SU ranked last.
- Since 2000, departmental book allocation funds have remained unchanged and are projected to remain at current levels.
- The table below compares Salisbury University's collections to its peer institutions.

2006 National Center for Education Statistics  
Comparison of Library Holdings for Salisbury University

| Library Name              | Books,<br>Serial Back<br>Files, Other<br>Paper<br>Materials | Current Serial<br>Subscriptions | Books,<br>Serial Back<br>Files, Other<br>Paper<br>Materials<br>Per Person<br>Enrolled<br>(FTE) | Audiovisual<br>Materials | Microforms | Total FTE<br>12 month<br>Enrollment |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Comparison Group* Average | 628,423   | 10,499                          | 78.17  | 34,454                   | 1,247,968  | 7,950                               |
| Comparison Group* Median  | 512,131   | 3,183                           | 72.19  | 24,314                   | 1,120,092  | 7,687                               |
| Library Of Interest       |   |                                 |  |                          |            |                                     |
| Salisbury University, MD  | 269,550   | 1,235                           | 38.55  | 1,105                    | 750,971    | 6,993                               |

\*comparison group: SUNY-Fredonia, SUNY-Oswego, SUNY-Plattsburgh, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Bloomsberg University, Southeast Missouri State University, Millersville University, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, University of Northern Iowa.