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Senate Recommendation to the Provost

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
MAR 02 2011

Originating Body: Library Committee

Originator: Jamie Emerson (on behalf of the committee)

Date Submitted: March 1, 2011 Requested Effective Date: As soon as possible

Recommendation: Continue to make increased funding for library an annual priority

Date Approved by Senate: February 22, 2011

David Rick 3/1/2011

President, Faculty Senate Date

Attach any supporting documentation. **See Attached Motion**

Action Taken by Provost: **Date** 03-02-11

✓ Recommendation Accepted _____ Recommendation Not Accepted

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

Disposition for Approved Recommendation:

✓ President	_____ VP Student Affairs
✓ Faculty Senate President	✓ VP Finance
_____ Forum Chair	_____ School Deans
_____ Webmaster	_____ Graduate Council
_____ Catalogue Editor	_____ Provost Council

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Diane D. Allen 03-02-11

Provost Date

Resolution:

The Senate Library Committee presents a resolution asking the Senate to thank the Salisbury University administration for its support of Blackwell Library in 2010-2011 and to strongly encourage the administration to continue to make increased funding for the library an annual priority.

Comment:

The Senate Library Committee would like to point out that a new building, by itself, will not address the poor rankings of Blackwell Library among its performance peer institutions. Additional resources are necessary for the library to fit the needs of "A Maryland University of National Distinction."

Documentation:

- In 2008 (latest data available), Salisbury University ranked 10th out of 11 performance peer institutions in current serial subscriptions and microforms held.
- In 2008, Salisbury University ranked last of the performance peer institutions in audiovisual materials held.
- In 2008, Salisbury University ranked last of the performance peer institutions in books, serial backfiles, and other paper materials held (both in absolute terms and per person enrolled (FTE)).
- The table below compares Salisbury University's collections to its peer institutions.

2008 National Center for Education Statistics
Comparison of Library Holdings for Salisbury University

Library Name	Books, Serial Back Files, Other Paper Materials	Current Serial Subscriptions	Books, Serial Back Files, Other Paper Materials Per Person Enrolled (FTE)	Audiovisual Materials	Microforms
Comparison Group* Average	643,343	24,686	77.19	36,351	1,241,987
Comparison Group* Median	547,137	30,440	73.32	23,399	1,119,100
Salisbury University, MD	271,328	1,153	39.03	1,325	753,607

*Comparison group: SUNY-Fredonia, SUNY-Oswego, SUNY-Plattsburgh, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Bloomsburg University, Southeast Missouri State University, Millersville University, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, University of Northern Iowa, Sonoma State University.