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FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 87-3

WHEREAS the faculty of Louisiana State University believes that the University's single most important, permanent research and teaching resource is the library (Middleton Library and its branches), and

WHEREAS the Chancellor of Louisiana State University has publicly declared that the library ". . . is the symbol of education and the hope of Louisiana," and

WHEREAS the budget of the library has been static for the last four years, and reduced by 6% (\$400,000) in the current (1987-88) fiscal year, and

WHEREAS continued increases in library operating costs and continued soaring inflation of library-material prices, particularly of serials, have led to reductions in new acquisitions, particularly of books and collections in textual and historical disciplines, in the arts, and in music, and

WHEREAS only elimination of large numbers of current serial holdings, particularly in the scientific and technical disciplines, can prevent further erosion of book purchasing funds, and insure payment of subscription fees for those serials retained, and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of Louisiana State University has publicly vowed to find funds to keep the library's collections competitive;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University ask the University administration to:

1. Make no further reductions in the Library budget;
2. Restore as a major priority, when money becomes available, all library funds (\$400,000) cut in 1987-88;
3. Make the utmost effort to find funds to cover the current deficit in the serials budget;
4. Increase appropriates to the acquisitions budget for the 1988-89 fiscal year;
5. Make increased funding of the library a high priority in the 1988-89 fiscal year.

ADOPTED: December 8, 1987