

LAUC Resolution: University of California Budget Cuts
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Whereas, California higher education as represented by the Community College, State University and University of California systems is being driven into a state of crisis by the current budget cuts that will at the very least negatively impact their ability to carry out their missions, and may well make succeeding at that mission an impossibility; and,

Whereas, the budget cuts threaten the ability of the University of California to fulfill its commitment in the Master Plan for Higher Education (Hemmila, Donna. "Budget gap threatens Master Plan for Higher Education." N.p. 19 Jan. 2011. Web. 24 Feb. 2011. <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/24835>); and,

Whereas, UC libraries and the California Digital Library are integral components of the University's "central pervasive mission of discovering and advancing knowledge" (University of California. (1974-1978). *Mission Statement*. Retrieved from: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/aboutuc/missionstatement.html>); and,

Whereas, the current budget may force campuses to again close libraries, thereby reducing student study space as well as immediate access to reference services, books, journals, microfilm, and other resources, all essential to their academic success; and,

Whereas, we have evidence of the negative impact on students of exclusion from said resources, and the lengths to which students will go in order to gain access, e.g., "study in" protests, (for example: Boland, April. "Three-day study-in prompts mediation." *Library Journal* 19 May 2010. Web. 24 Feb. 2011. <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6728866.html>); and,

Whereas, the UC libraries and the California Digital Library not only offer the above-mentioned services, but also subscriptions that pay for databases, data sets, electronic books and journals, as well as researchers' access to scholarly material discovered through Google and other means, and that looming cuts more than jeopardize their ability to continue to do so; and,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) urges the Regents, Office of the President, Chancellors, Executive Vice Chancellors and Provosts, Academic Deans, and the University Librarians:

- to afford some protection from cuts for UC Libraries and the California Digital Library so that they can continue to successfully support the research and teaching mission of the University; and,
- to make greater efforts to identify and procure other streams of permanent and one-time funding for our entire library system to preserve not just the whole system but the important individual components as well; and,
- to use every means at their disposal to continue to publicize the negative effects of cuts to higher education in California and to protest and lobby against said cuts at every opportunity.