



COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

2022-23 COBRA 8

April 14th, 2023

TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Committee on Budget and Resource Allocation (COBRA)

SUBJECT: 22-23 COBRA 8: Resolution From The Library Faculty on Book Relocation

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate accept and adopt the proposed Resolution from the Library Faculty on the Book Relocation

Background:

The Library representative to the Academic Senate Committee on Budget and Resource Allocation (COBRA) brought to the committee concerns from the Library faculty regarding the relocation of the books held by the library. The Library faculty requested that as this was a budget and resource issue that COBRA consider the issue and support and endorse the resolution crafted by the Library faculty.

On due consideration, the committee unanimously supported the Library faculty resolution and endorsed submitting this as a COBRA document for consideration and support of the Academic Senate.

Action Requested:

For acceptance and adoption by the Academic Senate.

TO: Academic Senate

FROM: Library Faculty, University Libraries

SUBJECT: Resolution in support of the University Libraries to lead a thoughtful and high-quality collection analysis process as a part of the Collection Relocation Project, which includes participation of the campus community

PURPOSE: Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate adopt this resolution to support the University Libraries in its desire for a process that enables the library faculty to engage in a thoughtful, collaborative analysis for the Collection Relocation Project and to recommend that the library be given a reasonable timeframe to complete an high quality assessment process of the collection. The Academic Senate may encourage college representatives to work with their library liaisons to identify the contents of a core academic collection.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The library as a campus unit and a group of people, in part and in whole, did not consent to accepting a new building on the condition that we would immediately completely clear out of the old building and remove access to 85% of our materials.
- An important part of professional librarian responsibilities is to curate a collection to meet user needs. Because the library serves a wide range of academic needs from the undergraduate-level through research-intensive, collection development is a complex endeavor. Collection development entails not only the selection and accumulation of materials, but also the deselection. Because much thought and expense is put into building a broad and deep collection to support the teaching, learning, and research needs of the campus community, the same amount, if not more, thought needs to be given to removing materials from the collection.
- Library faculty selected a smaller set of books to move to the new library building with the purpose of seeing which of the books remaining in the old library building would be called over to the new building. We anticipated many years to analyze how the books moved between the two buildings.
- The workload for moving the collection out of the old building is extensive and time consuming.
- It will be expensive to move and maintain this collection offsite with annual costs potentially increasing significantly over the years.
- Digital books/ebooks are nearly always more expensive than physical/print books (ex., physical/print \$45 and ebook single user \$354). Further, not all books are available in digital format.

- The library continues to receive specific requests from students for physical/print books.
- With the [Carnegie R2 classification](#), high research activity designation for Cal State East Bay, the depth and breadth of library collections becomes more important to support the research activities of the campus community.

Whereas, Library faculty and staff time is currently focused on setting up the new library CORE building and making it functional for the campus community, as well as ramping up in-person services after having been remote for years during the pandemic; and

Whereas, The new library CORE building is still incomplete. Many spaces and technologies are not fully operational. A significant portion of our time is spent learning to manage the space well for our students and faculty; and

Whereas, Library Faculty, who are subject specialists of the collections and materials held in the old library building, require a reasonable timeframe to critically determine the value of the collections and materials; and

Whereas, Library Faculty need time to consult with faculty and staff across the colleges, departments, and other campus units; and

Whereas, Physical/print materials still have value to our campus community; and

Whereas, Without first determining the materials that will be retained from the old library building and the materials that will be deselected, it is impossible to give an accurate cost for storing and maintaining the collection off-site; and

Whereas, No guarantee has been received from campus administration to provide perpetual access to the book collection once it is off-site; and

Whereas, No projected planning on what happens when annual storage/maintenance fees see increases and inflation occurs has been developed to ensure sustainability of relocating the books offsite; and

Whereas, No collaborative space planning took place for the use of the earthquake-retrofitted east side of the old library building; and

Whereas, with the University's [Carnegie R2 classification](#), high research activity designation for Cal State East Bay, the depth and breadth of library collections becomes more important to support the research activities of the campus community; therefore, be it

Resolved, The library faculty and staff, as professionals and experts in library collection development management, be respected as such and granted agency over this project; and be it further

Resolved, The library faculty and staff need reasonable time to determine the materials that will be retained and the materials that will be deselected in collaboration with the campus community; and be it further

Resolved, An accurate cost for moving, storing, and maintaining an off-site collection cannot be provided until the retention and deselection process is complete; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be distributed to the President of California State University, East Bay; the Provost of California State University, East Bay; Associate Provost of Academic Resources and Planning; the Deans of the Colleges; Associate Vice President of Facilities Development and Operations; the ASI President of California State University, East Bay.