

**The Faculty Senate of the University of Tennessee
Resolution**

13 April 2011

WHEREAS the University of Tennessee intends to be the preeminent public research and teaching university linking the people of Tennessee to the nation and the world;

WHEREAS the university wishes to provide a high quality educational experience to students; support research, teaching, and outreach to improve medicine and health; and advance the community of learning by engaging in scientific research, humanistic scholarship, and artistic creation;

WHEREAS the University of Tennessee seeks to be competitive in efforts to recruit and retain the highest quality faculty and students;

WHEREAS library resources are central to the intellectual life of the university and support of the university's mission, including accreditation, grants, research, education, service, as well as clinical care;

WHEREAS access to library resources is essential to the quality and credibility of our education, research, service, and distance education outreach efforts;

WHEREAS providing effective library access, services, and electronic resources to all university users equally with no bias or advantage is important and that all users should have an equal and fair chance to access the same materials;

WHEREAS we recognize that budget restraints are a reality and we need to make the most effective use of UT dollars;

WHEREAS centralized contracting of library database and journal licenses common to all or some of the campuses could provide economies of scale, improve efficiency, and facilitate common library access;

WHEREAS streamlining contractual procedures to reduce library duplication of effort will save money for the university;

WHEREAS the Tennessee Board of Regents Schools and other university and state library systems have successfully centralized contracting;

WHEREAS the value of maintaining and expanding the library collection cannot be overestimated;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate requests that the UT System administration provide library funding to enable all students, faculty, and staff in the UT System to access electronic library resources that support teaching, research, service (and clinical care where appropriate) at the local campus.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate requests that the UT System administration provide centralized, ongoing, sustainable financial support to develop and purchase a specific core set of electronic library resources where needed by the UT campuses.

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