

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D.C.

The Faculty Senate

February 28, 2007

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, March 9, 2007, at 2:10 p.m. in the Alumni House, 1925 F Street, NW, First Floor

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2007, as distributed
3. A RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUNDS (06/6);
Professor Alan G. Wade, Chair, Libraries Committee (The Resolution is attached.)
4. Introduction of Resolutions
5. Report on Service-Learning; Professor Lisa-Benton Short, Acting Chair,
Committee on University and Urban Affairs
6. General Business:
 - (a) Nominees for election to the Nominating Committee for the Executive Committee for the 2007-08 Session (nominees to be announced)
 - (b) Report of the Executive Committee: Lilien F. Robinson, Chair
7. Brief Statements (and Questions)
8. Adjournment

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Secretary

A RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUNDS (06/6)

- Whereas, The George Washington University aspires to “move solidly into the ranks of first-tier educational institutions” (Strategic Plan for Academic Excellence, Goal 1); and
- Whereas, the University further seeks to “strengthen GW’s infrastructure, including the University’s libraries” (Goal 5); and
- Whereas, neither goal can be attained without first-tier library resources; and
- Whereas, both endowments and university allocations are vital sources of funding for the libraries; and
- Whereas, funding for the Gelman Library System from both endowments and University allocations is significantly lower for collections than is funding for library collections at most institutions in the University’s market basket.
- Whereas, surveys of faculty and students have consistently shown dissatisfaction with the depth and breadth of the collection of the Gelman Library; and
- Whereas, it is in the interest of the Faculty Senate and the University that library resources available for research and instruction be of the highest quality;
NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

1. That the University Administration request that the University Librarian provide a plan through which, by gradual increases in the library collection budget beginning in FY 2008, and without jeopardy to other GLS needs, the collection budget will reach a level equal to the average level of materials expenditures in GW’s market basket group within a time frame commensurate with the University’s “first-tier” aspirations; and
2. That the University Administration raise to “University-level” status its fundraising efforts for The Gelman Library System in order to meet Goal 5 of the *Strategic Plan* (strengthening GW’s infrastructure) as well as Resolving Clause Number 1 of this resolution (gradually increasing the library collection budget).

Faculty Senate Committee on Libraries
Professor Alan G. Wade, Chair
February 5, 2007