



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA, S. C. 29208

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

19 July 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: R. G. Silvernail, Secretary, Faculty Senate

FROM: Owen Connelly, Chairman, Faculty Library Committee

SUBJECT: Report of Faculty Library Committee, 1987-88

The Faculty Library Committee met six times during the 1987-88 school year, and did largely to routine business, such as approving the division of the Book Budget among offices of the Cooper Library, colleges, schools, and departments.

Two non-routine matters stand out:

1. On 2 October 1987, the Committee voted unanimously that the book budget (\$1,283,587) was inadequate even to sustain current automatic, approval, and subscription orders or allocations to academic divisions, and to ask the University administration to increase the book budget to at least \$2,500,000 for FY 1988-89. It directed the Chairman to inform the Senate of the resolution and urge that the Senate endorse it. (MEMO TO SENATE ATTACHED.)

2. We considered the 1985 report of the Select Committee of the Graduate Council, Library Provision for Excellence in Graduate Education and Research in the 1990's and the response to it by the Dean of the Graduate School and a special advisory council. [It was noted, however, that the original report was not directed to the Library Committee.]

On 3 February 1988 (after discussion in one sub-committee and two plenary meetings), the Committee unanimously approved the general spirit of the report, while noting that some recommendations had already been put in effect (e.g., that proposals for new graduate programs include a "Library Impact" statement), and that others did not concern the libraries, per se.

It endorsed, with highest priority, the recommendations for increased general funding of the libraries, and especially to put the acquisitions budget of USCon a par with those of Georgia, UNC, Florida, and Virginia. It gave second priority to funding for implementing an online catalogue system (for electronic access to library holdings), and a low priority to the purchase of non-South Carolina manuscripts.

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The Faculty Library Committee has not met since the reorganization of the administration of libraries in April 1988. The resolution introduced (and rejected) at the 3 May 1988 meeting of the General Faculty was brought in without consultation with or approval of the Faculty Library Committee.

[NOTE: Because the chairman had a 2:30-5:00 class on Wednesdays, both semesters, reports to the Faculty Senate were made by Professor John Herr.]

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FACULTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

October 2, 1987

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Faculty Senate, University of South Carolina

FROM: Owen Connelly, Chairman, Faculty Library Committee 

SUBJECT: Resolution on Library Funding for FY 1988-1989

The Faculty Library Committee unanimously adopted the resolution below at its meeting of 2 October 1987. It hereby recommends that the FACULTY SENATE endorse the resolution and forward it to the officers of the University administration via the Provost:

RESOLUTION

In order to maintain the current level of acquisitions, The Faculty Library Committee recommends to the University Administration that it notify the Library by December 1, 1987 that the book budget of the Thomas Cooper Library (30000 A000), will be increased from the 1987-88 amount of \$1,283,587 to at least \$2,250,000 for the fiscal year 1988-89.

Justification

If the increase cannot be granted, the library must begin planning at once to reduce standing orders, subscriptions, and approval orders to insure that it can meet its commitments.

This will be necessary because of the falling value of the dollar and the increasing cost of books, subscriptions to periodicals, binding, and other services.