**Resolution on Increased Support for SMU Libraries**

*Whereas the archive of accumulated knowledge, ideas, and information is the foundation of scholarly activity, and access to it through the Central University Libraries is vital to SMU faculty and students in pursuing their scholarly activities;*

*Whereas the CUL has lost needed staff as a part of the OE2C initiative, and recent library budgets have failed to keep up with the rate of inflation, thus impinging on its ability to maintain its physical and electronic collections and provide essential services to its users;*

*Whereas the University has resolved to allocate savings from the OE2C initiatives to promote academic pursuits at the university;*

*Whereas the SMU Strategic Plan states that “a university is measured by the quality of its faculty, students, alumni, libraries, and facilities. These are – and always will be – the primary areas where qualitative growth and development are essential” (Goal 1);*

*Whereas said Plan declares (Goal 1, Objective 6) the University’s need and intention to “strengthen the Meadows Museum and University library system by expanding collections and enhancing the digital research infrastructure”;*

*Whereas significant resources will be necessary to enhance the academic standing of SMU and to keep up with investments made by our peer and aspirant institutions, many of whom invest more heavily in their libraries than SMU and are members of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL—the association of top North American academic libraries);*

*Therefore be it resolved:*

***That the Faculty Senate strongly supports significantly increased funding for the CUL in AY 2017-2018 and beyond to meet the needs of acquisitions and staffing with the goal of meeting the requirements of joining the ARL in the next five years.***