

University Senate  
March 19, 2007  
Resolution from Senate's Library Committee  
(With positive recommendation from SLC & the Senate Council)

The University's strategic plan states that "The hallmark of a Top 20 public university is an unwavering and across-the-board commitment to excellence, with a considerable number of programs ranked among the best in the United States....UK's ability to reach this level of consistent excellence will require the significant advance of every aspect of the University."

We ask the University Senate to consider that:

*Whereas* the University Libraries serve the entire University community as well as all the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

*Whereas* a Top 20 University must have a Top 20 Library; and

*Whereas* the University of Kentucky libraries are behind benchmark institutions in terms of many important measures, including both physical and human resources; and

*Whereas* the physical facilities of the library system are at capacity; and

*Whereas* the Top 20 Business Plan calls for significant increases in the number of undergraduate students and faculty; and

*Whereas* the Provost's UK-LEAP whitepaper on the revision of the USP calls for learning outcomes in the area of information literacy across the curriculum, in which the library must play a vital and fully integrated role; and

*Whereas* the University must meet its further obligation to promote information literacy across the entire academic experience encompassing graduate, postgraduate, and faculty studies;

***Be it resolved*** that the University of Kentucky University Senate endorses the following statements of support for the University Libraries, and resolves that this endorsement be forwarded to the President and the Provost as they consider the priorities implicit in the current strategic planning process:

The University Senate supports the assertion that to be a Top 20 Institution, the University of Kentucky must have, and invest in, a Top 20 library, as measured by criteria agreed to by the Provost and the Dean of Libraries; and given the vital and holistic role of the libraries in achieving University goals and the acknowledgement in the Top 20 business plan that further investment in facilities is a prerequisite to accomplishing these goals, the University Senate recommends that in the current strategic planning process, the President and Provost explicitly consider:

- That the need for further facilities investment also extends to the library system, specifically as pertains to the construction of an off-site state-of-the-art storage facility to house library materials; and the collection, space, and personnel needed to fully support both new faculty and an expanding undergraduate student population.
- That the library will need additional personnel 1) to support the needs of increasing numbers of teaching faculty and undergraduate students, and 2) to fulfill its instructional mission across the entire academic experience and to fully participate in the information literacy goals for undergraduate education as described in the UK-LEAP white paper.