

Library Committee
David Randall, Chair

Motion #1 from Library Committee to Senate Council:

The University Senate Library Committee discussed in detail issues related to the proposed University of Kentucky support for the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006 (US Senate bill S 2695; see appended memo from Dean Diedrich). The committee found that the University of Kentucky libraries face dramatically escalating costs for journals that exceed the annual increase in the library budget. The committee rejects the contention made by some who oppose S 2695 that the bill will potentially undermine the peer review process. The committee recognizes the concerns of journal publishers and some scholarly societies regarding the potential economic impact of S 2695, but the committee concluded that the greater public good would be served by passage of S 2695. Accordingly, the Library Committee forwards the following motion to the University Senate Council:

"The University of Kentucky become a signatory to the public letter of support for (United States) Senate bill S. 2695 (Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006) which would maximize taxpayer access to the results of federally-funded research."

(Unanimously approved by the Senate Council on October 2, 2006, and goes to the Senate with a positive recommendation.)