


26 May 2017

To: Faculty Senate of Kansas State University  
From: John R. Ruberson, Professor and Department Head   
Re: Response to proposed cuts to K-State Libraries' collections

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Entomology to strongly request support in seeking long-term solutions for the impending and future cuts to the K-State Libraries collections. We are all aware that the Libraries here and elsewhere are caught between both blades of the scissors – increasing costs of electronic and paper subscriptions and a shrinking budget to cover the costs of those subscriptions as well as the personnel who provide critical information services to the university. However, we are on a slippery slope that promises to do great harm, both to the university community and the people of Kansas, if we lose access to publications (especially electronic) because of a failure to identify short- and long-term funding solutions.

As the university of first choice among Kansas students and the state's Land-Grant institution, we have an obligation to provide access to the most current information for students and those who train them. And as a major research institution, we require access to the most current literature in our fields to address questions through research and publication, and to obtain funding to support that research and the university's missions. The library system is a core element of any research university in providing access to publications, especially the journal literature. Anything that reduces our access to current literature diminishes our ability to conduct research, and to impart the most current ideas and approaches to students, scientists and other academics, and to other stakeholders within the state, nation, and around the world. In that regard, current literature access helps promote K-State nationally and internationally.

Moreover, continued erosion of library resources will greatly hamper attainment of the Vision 2025 goal of becoming a top-50 research institution. As a recent example, the K-State Department of Entomology was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among all Entomology departments worldwide because of the outstanding productivity of our faculty publishing widely cited research papers in well-regarded journals over the past decade. Much of that success is due to the access and ready availability of critical literature through our library system. Of additional concern, continuing cuts would increasingly compel us to access current literature through a diminishing number of outside institutions that still have access (e.g., via interlibrary loans), which also bears monetary and opportunity costs.

We recognize that these are fiscally challenging times, and that difficult decisions must be made with respect to the many needs of Kansas State University. However, looking ahead to FY18 and beyond, it is important to conserve, if not build, our core strengths so that we can remain resilient and keep our focus on Vision 2025.

The attached petition was also distributed for adaptation and use by other units on campus to call upon the university leadership to work together in identifying and implementing funding solutions that provide long-term stability to the K-State Libraries and minimize cuts to our essential library resources.



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Re: Response to proposed cuts to K-State Libraries' collections

May 30, 2017

To: The Leadership of Kansas State University

I write on behalf of the Department of Chemistry. We strongly request your support in seeking solutions for the impending cuts to the K-State Libraries collections. We are aware that the libraries here and elsewhere are battling both increasing costs of electronic and paper subscriptions and shrinking budgets to cover the costs of those subscriptions and the personnel who provide critical information services to the university. However, the current trend promises to do great harm, both to the university community and the people of Kansas, if we lose access to publications because of a failure to identify short- and long-term funding solutions.

As the university of first choice among Kansas students and the state's Land-Grant institution, we have an obligation to provide access to current information for students and those who train them. And as a major research institution, we require access to the current literature to drive our scholarship, and to obtain funding to support our research and the university's missions. The library system is a core element of any research university and anything that reduces our access to current literature diminishes our ability to conduct relevant research, and to educate our students. Continued erosion of library resources will greatly hamper attainment of the Vision 2025 goal of becoming a top-50 research institution. Further cuts would increasingly compel us to access current literature through a diminishing number of outside institutions that still have access (e.g., via interlibrary loan), which also bears monetary and opportunity costs.

We recognize that these are fiscally challenging times, and that difficult decisions must be made in meeting the many needs of Kansas State University. However, looking ahead, it is important to conserve, if not build, our core strengths so that we can remain resilient and keep our focus on Vision 2025. In the attached petition, we call upon the university leadership to work together to identify and implement funding solutions that provide long-term stability to the K-State Libraries and avert further cuts to our essential library resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel A. Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## RESOLUTION FOR MAINTAINING LIBRARY SUPPORT

**WHEREAS** Kansas State University has a goal of becoming a top tier research university, and

**WHEREAS** our long-term strategic plan (2025) is to do so, and whereas research faculty require efficient access to current literature to be competitive in the grants arena as well as to publish in a timely manner, and

**WHEREAS** most research faculty have split appointments requiring them to spend time in the classroom or in out-of-classroom educational programs as well as service, and

**WHEREAS** graduate students and other professionals (e.g., postdoctoral researchers) require access to literature to publish their theses and peer-reviewed publications, and

**WHEREAS** off campus faculty, including emeritus professors, are restricted in their use of print subscriptions and rely on electronic publications, and

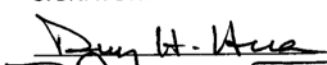
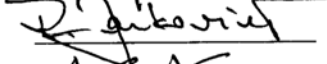

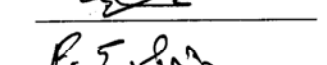
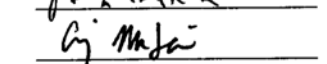
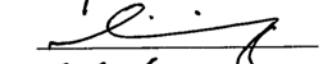



**WHEREAS** electronic databases provide the most convenient and expeditious access to journal literature,


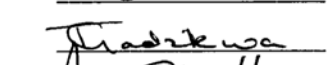


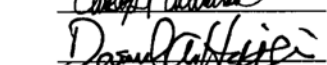
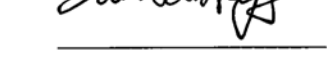
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Kansas State University should take all possible steps to prevent the loss of existing databases and e-access journals maintained by the university library system on which the research and general academic community depends to teach and conduct research, which furthers the university's missions, fulfills grant obligations, and allows faculty to be productive and successful in their academic and professional careers, including promotion, tenure, and other advancement.

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*See Attached for Signatures and supporting email signatures*

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