

**A RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AS PERTAINING TO DALE ASKEY
FACULTY SENATE
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS Dale Askey, a former faculty member at Kansas State University and current employee of McMaster University, “is being sued after writing a critical blog post about a scholarly publisher;” (read more: <http://chronicle.com/article/Librarians-Rally-Behind/137329/>) and

WHEREAS McMaster University has released a statement in support of Dale Askey,

“In its Statement on Academic Freedom, McMaster University affirms the right of the academic community to engage in full and unrestricted consideration of any opinion. Beyond this commitment to teach and learn unhindered by non-academic constraints, the University strongly supports the exercise of free speech as a critical social good....The University will continue to rigorously defend its commitment to academic freedom and freedom of speech as the case proceeds before the courts;” (read more: <http://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/worth-mentioning/mcmasters-commitment-to-academic-freedom/>) and

WHEREAS the Association of Research Libraries and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries have also issued a joint statement in support of Dale Askey’s freedom of opinion and expression of ideas; (available online: <http://www.arl.org/news/pr/arl-carl-statement-supporting-dale-askey-mcmaster-14feb13.shtml>) and

WHEREAS both intellectual and academic freedom are essential to the faculty of Kansas State University, as outlined in the University Handbook, Appendix C: Academic Freedom and Tenure,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a) the Faculty Senate of Kansas State University affirms its support of freedom of opinion and expression of ideas as it may apply to the case of Dale Askey and b) the Faculty Senate of Kansas State University expresses its appreciation for statements in support of Dale Askey’s intellectual and academic freedom issued by McMaster University, the Association of Research Libraries, and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries.

This resolution was passed by the Faculty Senate, Kansas State University on March 12, 2013

Signed: 
Jim Bloodgood, President of Faculty Senate

Written and endorsed by the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee February, 2013