

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION #XXI-M10
to endorse Library budget support

1. Motion presenter: Patricia Emison, chair of Senate Library Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/17/2017

3. **Rationale:** The Faculty Senate commends the Library's efforts to cope with the increasing costs in a time of difficult budget circumstances.

We believe that our status as a research institution depends upon not only consistent but additional help for the library, in particular in the following areas: collections, professional staffing, and maintenance of the building (including off-site storage) and its technological capacities. Replacing the Library Services Platform is one of several basic needs for the Library that cannot be met without substantial investment. The Faculty supports the Dean's efforts to be realistic about the budget report, but the requested increase strikes us as barely adequate with respect to the resources provided at our peer institutions.

4. Motion: The Faculty Senate endorses the Library's effort to move toward long-range planning, and we encourage the administration to ensure a baseline for collection budget increases over a 4-6 year timeframe. We ask that every effort be made to fund the library as is appropriate to UNH research needs and aspirations.

5. Senate action: The motion passed unanimously with 60 votes in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to the following on May 2, 2017

President Mark Huddleston

Provost Nancy Targett

P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Tara Fulton, dean of the Library