

A Resolution to Support PASCAL

1. **Purpose:** To urge legislators to restore PASCAL'S funding back to appropriate levels of operation to help further students' education.
2. **Whereas,** PASCAL, is a consortium of 57 academic libraries in South Carolina where funding comes from both membership dues and state appropriation via the Commission on Higher Education. These funds provide electronic databases and PASCAL Delivers.
3. Whereas, PASCAL previously had an appropriation of nearly 2 million dollars annually, but the commission has now reduced that by 90% to \$200,000 compared to the average budget cut of 3% to all state budgets, and
4. Whereas, this decrease in funding has caused PASCAL Delivers to cut a number of its databases, the frequency of deliveries from PASCAL Delivers, and to assess an increase in dues and fees to maintain its core programs, and
5. Whereas, if funding is not restored, major cuts will be seen in the program in 2008-2009, and PASCAL will cease to exist in 2009-2010, and
6. Whereas, Lander University uses these electronic databases and resources from PASCAL Delivers, receiving a significant resource value for every dollar spent, and
7. Whereas, the cost of maintaining licenses for the content that PASCAL currently provides to each institution would be prohibitive in nature, and
8. Whereas, the General Assembly of South Carolina has the ability to act on a request to restore 2.2 million dollars in funding, and
9. Whereas, Lander University has a significant interest in making sure that the PASCAL system is restored to full operating capacity in order to maintain the vital resources for its students. Therefore,
10. Be it enacted, by the Lander University Council of Presidents assembled in regular session the following:
11. That, the Lander University Council of Presidents, on behalf of the students of Lander University strongly encourages the General Assembly to put education at the forefront of their initiatives, and urges the General Assembly to pass appropriate funding for PASCAL.