

**A Resolution
To Support PASCAL**

Resolution No. 1
2008/2009 Bob Jones University Student Body Council
Committee: Executive Student Body Council

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1. **Purpose:** To urge state legislators to restore PASCAL's funding back to appropriate levels of operation.
2. **Whereas,** PASCAL is a consortium of 60 academic libraries in the state where funding comes from both
3. membership dues and state appropriation via the Commission on Higher Education, and
4. **Whereas,** PASCAL previously had an appropriation of nearly 2 million dollars annually, but the
5. commission has reduced that by 90% to \$200,000 compared to the average budget cut of 3% to all state
6. budgets, and
7. **Whereas,** this decrease in funding has caused PASCAL to cut a number of its databases, decrease the
8. frequency of its deliveries, and asses a large increase in dues and fees to maintain its core programs, and
9. **Whereas,** if funding is not restored, major cuts will be seen in the program in 2008-2009, and PASCAL
10. will cease to exist in 2009-2010, and
11. **Whereas,** Bob Jones University uses vital information and resources passed through PASCAL, receiving
12. an estimated \$48,000 in PASCAL resources for only \$3,000 in membership dues, translating to a situation
13. where Bob Jones University received \$7.00 in resource value for every dollar spent, and
14. **Whereas,** the cost of maintaining licenses for the content that PASCAL currently provides to each
15. institution would be prohibitive in nature, and
16. **Whereas,** the loss of funding has increased the expenses for Bob Jones University by \$21,800 for increase
17. fees and two greatly needed databases, and
18. **Whereas,** the General Assembly of South Carolina has the ability to act on a request to restore 2.3 million
19. dollars in funding, and
20. **Whereas,** Bob Jones University has a significant interest in making sure that the PASCAL system is
21. restored to full operating capacity in order to maintain the vital resources for its students. Therefore,
22. **Be it enacted,** by the Bob Jones University Student Body Council assembled in regular session the
23. following:
24. **That,** the Executive Student Body Council on behalf of the students of Bob Jones University strongly
25. encourages the General Assembly to put education at the forefront of their initiatives, and urges the General
26. Assembly to pass appropriate funding for PASCAL.

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