

A Resolution to Support PASCAL

Submitted by: Lander University Faculty Senate

Date Approved:

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 statewide consortium of academic libraries, of which Lander University is a member, and
3. **Whereas,** PASCAL previously had an appropriation of nearly 2 million dollars annually that has been reduced by 90% to \$200,000 in 2008-2009
4. **Whereas,** if funding is not restored, major cuts have been seen in the program in 2008-2009, and PASCAL will cease to exist in 2009-2010, and
5. **Whereas,** Lander University faculty and students use these electronic databases and resources from PASCAL Delivers, receiving a significant resource value for every dollar spent, and
6. **Whereas,** the cost of maintaining licenses for the content that PASCAL currently provides to each institution would be prohibitive in nature if purchased by an individual institution, and
7. **Whereas,** the General Assembly of South Carolina has the ability to act on a request to restore 2.2 million dollars in funding, and
8. **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,
9. **Be it enacted,** by the Lander University Faculty Senate assembled in regular session the following:
10. **That, the Lander University Faculty Senate, on behalf of the students and faculty of Lander University strongly urges the South Carolina Legislature to put education at the forefront of their initiatives, and urges the General Assembly to pass the necessary funding for PASCAL.**

Dr. Jean Paquette
Chair, Faculty Senate

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