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Resolution to Restore PASCAL Funding

Submitted by: Erskine College Faculty
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Purpose: To urge State Legislators to restore PASCAL's funding back to appropriate levels of operation.

Whereas, PASCAL is a statewide consortium of academic libraries, of which Erskine College is a member, where funding comes from member institutions and the South Carolina General Assembly, and

Whereas, PASCAL's rapid book delivery service fosters access to over 10 million academic volumes and its electronic resources provide cost-effective access to quality, online academic materials, and

Whereas, the funding for PASCAL was decreased by 90% in FY2008-2009, from \$2 million to \$200,000, and

Whereas, the decrease in funding has necessitated the cancellation of several electronic databases, a reduction in the frequency of book deliveries by 40%, and an increase in membership dues and fees, and

Whereas, without a reinstatement of legislative funding, PASCAL will cease to exist in FY2009-2010, and

Whereas, the research materials provided by PASCAL will no longer be available to the majority of the 230,000 students and faculty of South Carolina academic institutions, and

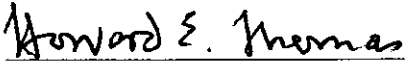
Whereas, the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education Study Committee has identified PASCAL as "the best current example for sharing inter-institutional costs for technology in South Carolina," and

Whereas, the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education has appealed for \$2.3 million dollars to fund PASCAL, and

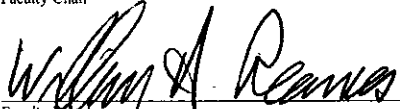
Whereas, the South Carolina Legislature has the ability to reinstate PASCAL's funding and support the efficiency of statewide cooperation that benefits the students and faculty of South Carolina's colleges and universities.

Be it enacted, by the Erskine College Faculty the following:

That, the Erskine Faculty strongly urges the South Carolina General Assembly to restore the recommended \$2.3 million in funding for PASCAL.


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2/6/2009
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