

## Faculty Senate Resolution

### Restore full funding to PASCAL Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries

To the South Carolina State Legislature:  
Submitted by the College of Charleston Faculty Senate  
Author: Faculty Library Committee

Purpose: To advocate the restoration of full funding for PASCAL by the South Carolina General Assembly.

Whereas, PASCAL is a statewide academic library consortium, of which the College of Charleston is a member, and

Whereas, PASCAL's funding has been supported by the member colleges and the South Carolina General Assembly, and

Whereas, PASCAL has succeeded in serving the research needs of students by expanding access to information through a rapid delivery system and through access to online databases provided at consortial pricing and

Whereas, the state funding for PASCAL was decreased by 90% in FY2008-2009, necessitating increased fees by member colleges and reduced services and

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

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

Whereas, the South Carolina Commission on 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 Commission on Higher Education has recommended funding PASCAL at a cost of \$2.3 million,

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has the authority to reinstate PASCAL's funding and to support the inter-institutional cooperation that serves the students and faculty of South Carolina's colleges and universities, and

Whereas, the College of Charleston is a direct beneficiary of PASCAL's resources having received access to over ten million books, 13,000 research publications and delivery of over 3,938 books. Therefore,

Be it enacted, by the College of Charleston Faculty Senate the following:

That, the College of Charleston Faculty Senate strongly appeals to the South Carolina General Assembly to Fund PASCAL at the \$2.3 million amount recommended by the Commission on Higher Education.