



A Resolution to Restore Full Funding for PASCAL

Purpose: To advocate the full restoration of funding of the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) by the South Carolina General Assembly.

Whereas, PASCAL is a statewide academic library consortium, of which the University of South Carolina Aiken 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 information and research needs of students and faculty by expanding access to information through a rapid delivery system and through access to online databases provided at consortial pricing and

Whereas, PASCAL provides a core electronic research collection that serves 230,000 students and faculty at all of the state's colleges and universities, and

Whereas, cost of maintaining licenses for content currently provided by PASCAL for member institutions would be severely detrimental especially for the smaller universities in the consortium, and

Whereas, the University of South Carolina Aiken is a direct beneficiary of PASCAL's resources having received access to over 189,000 resources which included over 50,000 full text downloads, and

Whereas, each dollar PASCAL has spent since 2004 has returned approximately seven dollars in value in terms of access to resources for the University of South Carolina Aiken, 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 90% cut in state funding to PASCAL has already resulted in cancellation of access to key databases and electronic journals and a 40% reduction in the delivery schedule for the statewide delivery system, and

Whereas, failure to restore funding before July 1, 2009, will result in the elimination of the majority of PASCAL's remaining programs and services,

Be it enacted, by the University of South Carolina Aiken Faculty the following:

That, the University of South Carolina Aiken Faculty strongly urges the South Carolina General Assembly to restore funding to PASCAL at the \$2.3 million amount as recommended by the Commission on Higher Education.



Chair, University of South Carolina Aiken Faculty Assembly
Passed unanimously, Assembly of 27 March 2009.

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Date