

**Statement of Support for the University Libraries from the Faculty Senate Library Committee
February 1, 2017**

Having discussed Dean Julia Zimmerman's detailed report at our January meeting, describing the recommendations from last semester's QER visit by two distinguished external reviewers – the Dean of the Libraries at Penn State University and the Vice Provost for University Libraries at the University at Buffalo – our committee unanimously supports Dean Zimmerman's efforts to apply those recommendations. Many of us met with the reviewers while they were on campus, and we know that they are aware of the budgeting restraints which our campus libraries face. Indeed, at our January meeting we learned that currently there are approximately \$2 million on our libraries' "wish list" of faculty needs which the libraries cannot fund. We applaud the efforts of Dean Zimmerman's staff that have recently led to a dramatic reduction in what FSU spends for the Springerlink e-journal contract, bringing our costs more in line with what UCF and USF have been paying for years. As successful as such efforts have occasionally been, the rate of inflation and growing needs still makes it imperative that the libraries receive increased funding, as the QER reviewers are strongly recommending. Thank you.

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