

Proposition: 09-20/21

Title: Memorial in support of the NMSU Library as budget realignment discussions unfold

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Proposed Committee: N/A - we ask that this be heard as emergency legislation.

Assigned Committee: N/A - we ask that this be heard as emergency legislation.

Prior Approvals: N/A, this is a memorial.

Proposal Type (please check one):

- Memorial
- Proposition to change policy (please include ARP/RPM reference(s) from <https://arp.nmsu.edu/>)
- Proposition for curriculum addition/change (please include all curriculum change forms and signature pages as outlined here: <https://provost.nmsu.edu/forms/>)
- Other (please describe below)

Proposal: As NMSU wrestles with the budget realignment exercise, members of the NMSU Faculty Senate make the following statement to NMSU's Central Administration:

Whereas, efforts by NMSU to achieve Carnegie R01 research status and advance LEADS 2025 Goal #2, Elevate Research and Creativity, require a robust and sustainable research Library;

Whereas, the NMSU Library has historically supported STEM resources to the detriment of the same in the Social Sciences and Humanities, yet NMSU must now expand research in the Social Sciences and Humanities to achieve Carnegie R01 status;

Whereas, the current budget for the NMSU Library is insufficient to sustain even the most basic of research activities, much less support the research efforts needed to achieve R01 status and support LEADS 2025; and

Whereas, any further reductions in the Library budget will compromise NMSU's ability to support InterLibrary Loan (ILL) activity that partially offsets the burden NMSU's limited holdings presents to NMSU research activities.

Therefore, on this 3rd day of December 2020, the NMSU Faculty Senate formally requests that NMSU's Central Administration act on the following requests.

- Not to propose or act upon further reductions to the Library budget.

- Add the funding needed to support NMSU’s efforts to achieve R01 status and advance LEADS 2025 to current and future NMSU budgets. The attached table shows NMSU ranks toward the bottom relative to its peer institutions in dollars spent on materials budget per student FTE and dollars spent on materials budget per faculty FTE.
- Increase funding for the NMSU Library’s materials budget to the median of peer institutions on the previously mentioned metrics. Detailed data on peers are below.

2019 NMSU LIBRARY MATERIALS BUDGET: A PEER COMPARISON

PEER INSTITUTIONS	INSTITUTIONAL BUDGET	LIBRARY MATERIALS BUDGET	MATERIALS BUDGET AS % OF UNIV BUDGET	FACULTY FTE	STUDENT ENROLLMENT	MATERIALS BUDGET PER FACULTY	MATERIALS BUDGET PER STUDENT	CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION
University of Arizona	\$ 277,600,000.00	\$ 16,429,369.00	5.92%	2,868	44,577	\$ 5,728.51	\$ 368.56	R1
Texas Tech University	\$ 156,712,855.00	\$ 10,816,479.00	6.90%	1,767	38,742	\$ 6,121.38	\$ 279.19	R1
Iowa State University	\$ 230,000,000.00	\$ 10,125,253.00	4.40%	2,165	33,372	\$ 4,676.79	\$ 303.41	R1
University of Wyoming	\$ 222,750,000.00	\$ 8,849,522.00	3.97%	1,000	12,249	\$ 8,849.52	\$ 722.47	R2
Washington State University	\$ 233,750,000.00	\$ 8,072,286.00	3.45%	1,734	31,607	\$ 4,655.30	\$ 255.40	R1
University of New Mexico	\$ 312,563,674.00	\$ 7,027,882.00	2.25%	1,945	22,729	\$ 3,613.31	\$ 309.20	R1
Utah State University	\$ 220,450,232.00	\$ 6,557,205.00	2.97%	1,103	27,810	\$ 5,944.88	\$ 235.79	R2
University of Nevada-Reno	\$ 163,095,775.00	\$ 6,269,527.00	3.84%	1,155	20,993	\$ 5,428.16	\$ 298.65	R1
University of Idaho ¹	\$ 180,200,000.00	\$ 5,930,528.00	3.29%	751	11,926	\$ 7,896.84	\$ 497.28	R2
Oregon State University	\$ 121,751,891.00	\$ 5,928,164.00	4.87%	2,090	31,719	\$ 2,836.44	\$ 186.90	R1
Kansas State University	\$ 237,800,000.00	\$ 5,564,769.00	2.34%	1,367	21,719	\$ 4,070.79	\$ 256.22	R1
University of Texas-El Paso ²	\$ 225,869,731.00	\$ 4,770,000.00	2.11%	803	25,177	\$ 5,940.22	\$ 189.46	R1
New Mexico State University³	\$ 113,000,600.00	\$ 2,957,504.00	2.62%	798	14,296	\$ 3,706.15	\$ 206.88	R2
Notes								
¹ ACRL Metrics 2019 shows UofI library materials budget is \$165,084.00 but the UofI's website lists \$5,930,528.00								
² ACRL Metrics 2019 shows UTEP's library materials budget is 2,940,780.00 but a phone call reveals additional funds from student fees, endowments and gifts, and monies from UT system to support major database subscriptions increases their budget to \$4,770,000.00								
³ NMSU library's materials budget includes student fee monies, 2.5% of IDC, and gifts and endowments								
Data Sources								
ACRL Metrics 2019—library materials budgets								
University websites—institutional budgets								
NCES-IPEDS—Faculty & Student FTE								
Carnegie classifications at https://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu								