WHEREAS, the University Libraries is one library serving three campuses and is recognized worldwide for the excellence of its staff and the quality, depth, and breadth of its collections of books, journals, and unique materials; and

WHEREAS, in the UW Libraries Triennial Survey the UW faculty ranks the University Libraries as the most important source of information for their work, with collections thoroughly integrated into research and educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, recent budget cuts have resulted in reductions in collections that have adversely impacted UW faculty research and educational initiatives and that have contributed to the drop in the ranking of the University Libraries by the Association of Research Libraries out of the top 15% for the first time since 1932; and

WHEREAS, current and emeritus UW faculty may wish to support the University Libraries’ collections financially to benefit themselves, Washington State and the world; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate endorses the proposal of the Faculty Council on University Libraries that the Faculty Fund for Library Excellence (FFLE) be established as a voluntary University gift fund available for current and emeritus faculty donors to support the University Libraries’ collections.

Submitted by:
Faculty Council on University Libraries
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Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
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Faculty Senate
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