

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2009-1027**

**TITLE:** Resolution in Support of the University Libraries Committee's Position on the Recommended Budget Cuts

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**WHEREAS,** the University of Florida is committed to academic excellence and to providing its students with an environment that promotes and encourages scholarship and learning; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout the state of Florida, public institutions of higher education are experiencing budget cuts; and

**WHEREAS,** the University libraries, along with other divisions of the University, have been requested to strategically cut its budget by ten percent; and

**WHEREAS,** the future of the Libraries Committee determined in its December 2006 report that the libraries at the University have been chronically under-funded; and

**WHEREAS,** the University Libraries Committee, in opposition to the strategic ten percent budget cut, is drafting a resolution that says "The University Library Committee strongly supports the retention of the budgets of the Smathers, Law and Health Science Center libraries at no less than the July 1, 2008 level. We are making this recommendation because the libraries are integral to the research and educational mission of the University, as stated in the Strategic Work Plan. A cut in library budgets would have a detrimental effect on every educational and research program at the University. "

**WHEREAS,** the University libraries are the keystone to the academic well-being and success of all students at the University of Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** the University of Florida is committed to the academic well-being and success of all students; then

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Body, as a conduit for all students at the University, supports the University Library Committee's position that the University libraries should retain a materials budget at no less than the July 1, 2008 level.