

The Learning Resources Committee of the University Faculty recommends that the Faculty Senate adopt the following resolution:

Whereas

- **The need for a new automated library system has been long understood, studied, and validated by a wide range of faculty and administrative persons over several years, and**
- **Extensive work has been done to survey possible vendors for such a system in the 2001-2002 academic year, culminating in a recommended vendor and system, and**
- **The benefits of such a system update to students faculty, and the wider University community has been positively demonstrated on many occasions, and**
- **Service expectations continue to rise among all users, though library patrons and staff are greatly constrained by the limitation of the current outdated system, and**
- **Though funding has not yet been forthcoming, costs continue to rise, making further delay a much less attractive option, and**
- **The recommended vendor has expressed a renewed interest in helping to creatively finance such an update,**

We therefore recommend that the Provost and all pertinent administrators give urgent priority to the process of updating the University Library automated system, beginning with a commitment to include the necessary funding to begin the project within the immediately upcoming budget cycle.