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To: Kevin P. Reilly, President, University of Wisconsin System
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Subject: Resolution in Support of Advantage Wisconsin: Growing the Research Infrastructure
(Library Component)

WHEREAS the lifeblood of academic research is authoritative information and UW System libraries are purveyors of that content; and

WHEREAS information is essential in increasing research capacity and productivity across the UW System; and

WHEREAS information sources available "virtually" are essential so that faculty, staff, and students can use them from their computer at work, at school, at home for distance and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS the information marketplace has exploded in response to growth in new areas of knowledge; and

WHEREAS access to a strong collection of information research resources is critical to attracting and retaining the best and brightest students and faculty/staff; and

WHEREAS The University of Wisconsin-Stout has begun a new era as Wisconsin's Polytechnic University where research is an integral campus component; and

WHEREAS UW System libraries have not received new funding for the acquisition of library resources since the 1999/01 biennium

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Stout Faculty Senate supports the request for funding to acquire critical information in electronic formats in a broad set of subjects for all students and faculty/staff and to expand access to Madison's electronic collections for faculty and research staff across the UW System.