



At its meeting of March 1, 1999, the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by David Mesher from the floor from Senators Mesher, Roth, Stork, and Van Hooff.

**POLICY RECOMMENDATION**  
**AMENDMENT TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARY POLICY**

Amends F98-5

Whereas: access to the Wahlquist Library materials, which are to be housed in a temporary facility during the five-year construction of the new library on that site, is crucial for research in many areas of the Humanities and Social Sciences; and

Whereas: the nature of that research often requires the checking of citations and other information from many books at a time, and its results are often enhanced by the ability to browse through entire sections of the collection; and

Whereas: restricting or eliminating such access to this part of the collection for a period of years will severely undermine the academic standards of this university in general, and many of its graduate programs in particular; therefore be it

Resolved: that the "Library Policy for San Jose State University" (F98-5) be amended by the addition of a new section as follows:

**9.2.9** Transition: Access to Library Holdings Housed in Temporary Facilities. In general, library materials which must be housed in a temporary facility during the construction phase shall be available on request. Paged materials shall be transported to a designated place on campus and held for pickup by the borrower. In addition, the temporary facility itself shall be open a specified number of hours per week to be set by the Director of the library or his/her designee in order to provide adequate access to the temporarily housed materials by faculty, staff and students for browsing in the collection.

And be it further

Resolved: that the Library be encouraged to study the usage made of the temporary facility, and bring any significant findings to the attention of the Senate in a report to the Library Committee.

Financial Impact: Unknown. Opening stacks to browsers may require adjustments to the floor plan (and budget) of the temporary facility, but bringing high-volume users to the books instead of transporting the books to the users may actually save money on operating costs.

**ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Robert Caret on March 4, 1999.**