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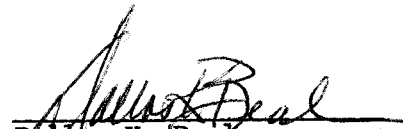
concerning

POLICY ON SHARING OF LIBRARY RESOURCES

March 4, 1988

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University adopts the Policy on Sharing of Library Resources, dated March 4, 1988, attached to this Resolution.

A Certified True Copy:

  
Dallas K. Beal  
President

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## POLICY ON SHARING OF LIBRARY RESOURCES

1. The first obligation of CSU libraries is to provide support for CSU faculty and students and to do so at a level which not only maintains the accreditation status of CSU institutions but also attains standards of excellence.
2. The principal approach to sharing of CSU library resources with others is through regional and national library service networks, such as BIBLIOMATION in Southwestern Connecticut, CIRCESS in Central Connecticut, and OCLC, the world's largest bibliographic database in Ohio. These are associations of academic, public, special, and school libraries linked electronically for the purpose of interlibrary lending. These networks use a computer-based system and this in turn requires converting the records of library holdings to machine-readable form, i.e., bar coding of every item. Not surprisingly, there are major costs in converting libraries to such a computerized system. These costs are in equipment purchases, rental of telephone lines, and, especially, in professional and non-professional staff time. Still, the long range benefits of opening the collections of the member libraries to each others patrons is so great, that the cost is well justified. Not only scholars in the universities will benefit from the collaboration, but also the general economy of the state will be supported by ready access to information. We are thus laying the basis in Connecticut for the information age of the 21st Century.
3. CSU libraries will provide library services to students of the constituent units of the state system of public higher education.
4. Another form of sharing of library resources arises when individual citizens of Connecticut (who are not CSU students or faculty or students of other units of the state system of public higher education) demonstrate to CSU library staff a legitimate need for access to a University library. In such circumstances, CSU library staff may issue a borrower's card to the individual for a finite period of time. In issuing such borrowers cards to members of the public, CSU library staff will take care not to duplicate or infringe upon the appropriate functions of public libraries or secondary school libraries.
5. Because of the many pressing library needs of its own students and faculty, CSU institutions will not enter into agreements to provide library resources and services directly to the students and faculty of other educational institutions. Exceptions may be made to this rule only with the express approval of each agreement by the President of the Connecticut State University. Recommendations to the President of Connecticut State University for such agreements shall be presented by the president of the affected Connecticut State University campus who shall include information sufficient to determine (1) that the program of the institution seeking use of resources is not unnecessarily duplicative of other programs in the state and (2) that the collection or collections to be shared are adequate to support both CSU program needs and those of the other institution. Any such commitment of library resources to support the programs of other institutions must be for finite periods of time and may involve the requirement of compensation for use by the students and faculty of the other institution. Income from such compensation shall be deposited into a General Fund special identification account and shall be expended only for library purposes on the affected campus.