Motion proposed by the Academic Issues Committee of the Senate:
Because library resources--printed and digital--are the content of much, for some of us most, of our teaching and research, we are deeply concerned about further degradation of UMKC libraries.

UMKC Libraries functioned at a minimally acceptable level in 2000, albeit on a budget that averaged 59% less than average annual library support at Big 12 universities. However, structural changes in financial support, budget decreases, and loss of buying power mean that in FY 2003 UMKC libraries can expect to receive $1,000,000 less than the amount needed to maintain resources and services at the 2000 level. Unless this shortfall can be avoided, the library faces elimination of all monograph, periodical, and digital acquisitions for 2003 or some other radical measure such as eliminating most of the professional library positions.

This must not be allowed to happen. Structural changes and budget allocations for UMKC libraries must be corrected if we are to serve our primary purposes of teaching and research.