

**Resolution of the VCU Libraries Advisory Committee regarding the University's
proposed 6-year budget plan for the VCU Libraries**

Whereas the University leadership has committed to strengthen and invigorate the VCU Libraries in order to accomplish the University's overall goals in learning, teaching, research, scholarship, service, and patient care; and

Whereas the University leadership has made this commitment explicit through stronger funding for the VCU Libraries over the course of the next six years, as outlined in the six-year budget plan; and

Whereas the VCU Libraries continues to trail substantially behind the library systems of comparable research universities and peer institutions in journal subscriptions, staffing, and overall expenditures, and requires the substantial investment envisioned in the six-year plan to become a research university library system commensurate with the stature and ambition of Virginia Commonwealth University;

Be it resolved that the VCU Libraries Advisory Committee enthusiastically commends the University's leadership for its vision and its commitment to strengthen VCU's library system;

And be it resolved that the VCU Libraries Advisory Committee expresses its appreciation to the University's leadership for furthering the academic work of every member of the VCU community by creating a library system appropriate to the size, scope, and ambition of VCU as a whole;

And be it resolved that the VCU Libraries Advisory Committee urges the University leadership to sustain its investment in the University's library system at the highest projected level of the six-year budget regardless of the level of State funding, so that the VCU Libraries can provide access to the scholarly record, resources for academic study and work, and an enriching student experience that are needed to achieve the goals articulated in the VCU2020 Strategic Plan.