

**Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution: FL05-C
MJC Library Facility
-ON HOLD-**

- Proposed by:** MJC Library Faculty
- Whereas:** The MJC Library supports the instructional activities of all divisions, and
- Whereas:** The mission of the MJC Library is to create a user-focused environment that is a center for academic pursuits at Modesto Junior College, and
- Whereas:** When libraries do not reach their potential “it is likely because the building itself is outdated, poorly lit, underfinanced, and depressing – say, a 1960s relic that is less attractive than another place to study”, and ¹ (see attached article)
- Whereas:** Modern academic libraries must provide research & study space, teach information literacy skills, expose students to recorded knowledge in both print and electronic formats, and make “information experts” readily available, and ²
- Whereas:** In order to meet the four goals listed above, the MJC Library needs a facility that can provide space for group study, quiet reflective research and study, smart classrooms, distance learning services & resources, places for students to network academically, space for traditional library materials (books, multimedia, and periodicals), comfortable reading areas, materials storage space, sufficient faculty/ staff work space, a flexible, high-end wiring infrastructure, and wireless ports.
- Whereas:** Empirical evidence shows that libraries that underwent major space improvement projects between 1995 and 2000 experienced increased facility usage. In fact, 25.6% of these libraries experienced facility usage increases of 100% or greater ³ (see attached report)
- Therefore** **Be it resolved**, that the MJC Academic Senate wish to express support for creating a library facility that is the centerpiece of a renovated east campus and that can meet its potential for providing resources and services necessary to be an integral part of the intellectual and cultural life of Modesto Junior College.
- First Reading:**
- Final Action:**
- Disposition:** **withdrawn 10/20/05**

¹ Carlson, Scott. "Thoughtful Design Keeps New Libraries Relevant." The Chronicle of Higher Education 30 Sept. 2005. 30 Sept. 2005 <http://chronicle.com/weekly/v52/i06/06b00101.htm>.

² Shill, Harold B. and Shawn Tonner. "Does the Building Still Matter? Usage Patterns in New, Expanded, and Renovated Libraries, 1995-2000." College & Research Libraries 65.2 (2004): 123-150.

³Shill, College & Research Libraries.