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SFASU Faculty Senate
Resolution on Information Literacy Proposal
(Resolution 2001-02.01)

WHEREAS, The Library proposed an information literacy program to the Faculty Senate on September 12, 2001, that included (1) a request for Senate endorsement, and (2) a proposal that a faculty planning committee be appointed to pursue various facets of the proposed program, including the targeting of courses in which to implement information literacy objectives; and

WHEREAS, Comments regarding the proposal indicated deep concern about the effect of the proposed program upon academic freedom, and dissatisfaction with, among other things, the idea of an appointed committee to target courses; and

WHEREAS, Existing information literacy programs at other universities vary widely in form, extent, and content; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That, while the Faculty Senate recognizes the desirability of information literacy, the Faculty Senate declines to endorse the information literacy proposal as presented on September 12, 2001; and

That the Faculty Senate recommends that the Library invite department heads after consultation with appropriate faculty to suggest appropriate courses that might benefit from the integration of information literacy objectives and that might effectively serve to promote information literacy.