

A Resolution to Preserve PASCAL

Submitted by: Erskine College Student Government Members

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Purpose: To advocate the restoration of PASCAL's funding to the required levels of operation by state legislators.

Whereas, PASCAL is a statewide consortium of academic libraries, of which Erskine College is a member, and

Whereas, PASCAL provides a rapid delivery of over 10 million academic volumes in addition to cost effective access to electronic academic resources that can be used by both students and faculty, and

Whereas, the funding for PASCAL has been decreased by 90%, from \$2 million to \$200,000 for FY2008-2009, and

Whereas, the decrease in funding has necessitated a reduction in PASCAL resources and programs in FY2008-2009, and

Whereas, without a reinstatement of these funds, PASCAL will cease to exist in FY2009-2010, and

Whereas, the research materials provided by PASCAL will no longer be available to the majority of the 230,000 students and faculty of South Carolina academic institutions, and

Whereas, the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education has appealed for \$2.3 million dollars to fund PASCAL, and

Whereas, the South Carolina Legislature has the power to reinstate the funding in order to restore PASCAL to full operational capacity.

Be it enacted, by the Erskine College Student Government Association the following:

That, the Student Government Members on behalf of the students of Erskine College strongly urge the South Carolina Legislature to increase the priority of education, and strongly urge the General Assembly to pass the necessary funding for PASCAL.