

Appendix C

Resolution on Offsite Storage

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**To:** Provost Nariman Farvardin  
**From:** University Library Council  
James F. Klumpp, Chair  
**Re:** Resolution on offsite storage

In response to your request, at its February 21, 2008, meeting, the University Library Council reviewed the material justifying the request for funding for the University System of Maryland (USM) sponsored offsite shelving facility to accommodate, preserve, and service the library collections of The Johns Hopkins University (JHU) and all of the USM institutions. After that review, the Council approved the following resolution relating to the need for the facility at the University of Maryland (UM):

In order to continue our course towards excellence and to maintain a library collection appropriate to our peer institutions, the University must continue to acquire library materials at an accelerated rate. To address the storage and access issues that this policy implies, the University Library Council:

- 1) recognizes the need for an expansion of the off-site storage capacity for the University Libraries.
- 2) endorses proceeding with construction of a jointly administered site with Johns Hopkins University as outlined in the proposal, assuming a suitable partnership agreement.
- 3) recommends that, in activating this facility, the University and the University Libraries should:
  - a) continue to explore alternative possibilities for efficient volume storage on or near campus or in collaboration with other area institutions;
  - b) negotiate (and enforce) legal arrangements with JHU that increase UM control over pricing and other matters at the jointly administered facility;
  - c) explore methods for de-accessioning multiple copies of volumes held in storage by the various institutions, guaranteeing however that we will gain permanent equal rights of access to all volumes held jointly in the storage facility;

- d) explore alternative methods of delivery from storage (such as high quality scanning on demand or page turning technology supporting online browsing of monographs);
  - e) explore possibilities for increasing the flexibility of the current system so as to allow transfer of material from off-site storage back into the current collection as needed;
  - f) continue to evaluate the methods and results of off-site storage as part of the collection development policy of the libraries.
- xc: Charles Lowry, Dean of Libraries  
William Montgomery, Chair of the Campus Senate  
University Library Council