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*Referred To Don Collins
for Libraries Committee
on 11/30/88.*

Dr. Connor Atkinson, Chairperson
Faculty Senate
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East Carolina University
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Dear Connor:

Can we get this on the Agenda for Faculty Senate?

Thank you.

Brian H.
Brian Harris

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*Connor
Shouldn't this go
to the Libraries Committee
before submission to
the Senate?
Shawn*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

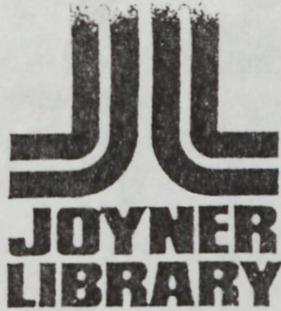
FROM: Brian Harris, Senate Representative
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

SUBJECT: Use study memo (12 Sept. 1988) from Ms. Janet Kilpatrick,
Periodicals Librarian. Please see appended memo.

We believe that attempts to determine library budgets--hence holdings and acquisitions--by means of "use study," that is, by "counting the journal title each time" it is reshelved, undermines faculty research, since by definition, professional journals serve as much more than "support for our curriculum." Does the attitude underlying "use study" contradict ECU's stated commitment to increased faculty scholarship and publication? Does the attitude misapprehend the function of library collections and services at a university-level institution which is committed to teaching and scholarship, and to the continuing improvement of both?

We strongly urge that the employment of "use study" in the generation of library budgets be immediately and carefully reviewed by the Library Committee, the Faculty Senate, the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the Chancellor, and by any university officers who have direct responsibility for initiating and implementing such policies.

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Attachment



DATE: September 12, 1988
TO: All Faculty Members
FROM: Janet Kilpatrick, Periodicals Librarian
Joyner Library Current Periodicals
MEMO SUBJECT: Use Study

During the 1988/89 Fall and Spring semesters we will be conducting a use study of current periodicals. This is done by counting the journal title each time we have to reshelve it.

As you know, the price of serials keeps escalating each year. Therefore, we must continuously evaluate our collection, weeding and adding journals, to support our curriculum. Next summer this information, along with many other factors will be used for formulating 1989/90 budget strategy.

We solicit your assistance in this project. Please do not reshelve the journals you use, but put them on our reshelving truck so we may count them. Signs are posted in the current periodicals room, however, informing your students about this project and requesting their help would be appreciated.