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Faculty Senate Resolution #12-106

Approved by the Faculty Senate: December 4, 2012

Approved by the Chancellor: not applicable

Resolution on Continuing the Option of Faculty Tenure, Rank and Status for Librarians at East Carolina University, that reads as follows:

**Whereas,** East Carolina University Librarians have faculty tenure, rank and status because they perform faculty functions, and like faculty in other academic units are required to publish original research, teach in classrooms, public contact points, and off campus venues, serve on university and system-wide UNC committees in order to obtain tenure; and

**Whereas,** East Carolina University Librarians perform a teaching and research role in that they instruct students formally and informally and assist faculty in their scholarly pursuits, and are also involved in research in a number of academic disciplines; and

**Whereas,** faculty tenure, rank and status help East Carolina University librarians do their job in the same way as it helps other professors, and as permanent members of the university community they are more vested in the institution and better able to ensure the free availability of information and ideas, no matter how controversial, so that teachers may freely teach and students may freely learn; and

**Whereas,** faculty tenure, rank and status help East Carolina librarians realize that they are major stakeholders in university's goals and objectives and thus can take the long view into consideration making our community and region stronger because of that stake; and

**Whereas,** faculty tenure, rank and status help East Carolina University librarians realize their full independence and duty to pursue research into neglected areas, and to develop collections in subjects that are unpopular at the moment; and

**Whereas,** Intellectual Freedom is a core value of the academy and faculty tenure, rank and status is a traditional way of preserving this value; and

**Whereas,** faculty tenure, rank and status enable women and men of ability to earn a living in the Academy.

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Faculty Senate supports librarians at East Carolina University having the option of continued employment in positions that have faculty tenure, rank and status.