

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
FIFTY-FIRST SENATE REPORT No. 12**

**Summary of Actions Taken by the Senate**

June 13, 2019

At its meeting on June 13 2019, the Faculty Senate passed, on a divided vote, the following motion, which had been introduced by Professor Adrian Daub:

"In light of the Provost's message of April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 announcing the initiation of a process to produce a new "sustainable financial model" for Stanford University Press, and given the concerns about this process raised by the Committee on Libraries, the Faculty Senate committee working most closely with Stanford University Press, as well as the University Press's editorial board, which represents the Academic Council's most direct contact with SUP

*Be it resolved that Faculty Senate of the Academic Council*

1. Asks that faculty governance, transparency and an impartial and objective review process be respected in dealing with the matter of Stanford University Press. While fiscal concerns should be addressed, equally so should be the concerns that have been raised about intellectual and academic values.
2. Calls for the establishment of an ad hoc committee to make recommendations to the Senate as to how faculty governance and faculty oversight can effectively be brought to bear on the University Press. The members of the ad hoc committee will be chosen by the Senate's Committee on Committees. The charge to that committee will be drawn up by the Committee on Committees and approved by the Senate.
3. Believes that any decision that so deeply affects the future of entire fields of study at Stanford should not be made in haste, or without consulting the considerable investment the Academic Council of Stanford University has in the Stanford UP. The Faculty Senate therefore calls upon the Provost to wait until both the Provostial committee and the Faculty Senate's ad hoc committee have finished their work and presented their findings both to her and the Senate for broad discussion."

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Academic Secretary to the University