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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a proposal for what the Saco-S board should work on during the coming year.

Background

Just before Christmas, the TekNat Library was merged with the HumSam Library and moved to D-huset. This was a cost saving measure which dramatically reduced the space available for library services on campus as a result of a budget cut imposed on the library by the University Board. While the library has so far managed to safeguard the jobs of those who work in the library, all my colleagues I have talked to are saddened by the loss of the TekNak Library and feel the the quality and availability of library services will be reduced. As far as I know the budget cut was imposed without consulting the academics and students who need the library for their research and studies.

While a critical service such as the library is having its budget cut by millions of krona, we hear that a new administration building will be built on campus. I can't help but feel the University Board has misplaced its priorities and is failing in its duty to support the University's aims as a centre for teaching and research.

Motion

I propose that the Saco-S Board work to negotiate sustainable funding for the Library from the University Board that would at least enable it to maintain its 2014 services. As a crucial service for academic work funding should ideally be maintained in real terms and the library guaranteed a fair share of the total University budget. Any dramatic cut in funding proposed by the University Board should be accompanied by a consultation with academic staff.

Thank you for considering my proposal. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt.

Best wishes,
David