

**ACRL Virtual Vote Doc 1.0**  
Voting period: 4/21/17–4/26/17

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## Board of Directors Action Form

To: ACRL Board of Directors

Subject: 2017 ACRL Legislative Agenda

Submitted by: Claibourne Williams, Chair, ACRL Government Relations Committee  
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Date submitted: April 18, 2017

### Background

ACRL's annual Legislative Agenda (Doc 1.1) lists objectives for legislative action at the national level on issues that affect the welfare of academic and research libraries. The Agenda also includes a Watch List which are issues of great concern to academic librarians, but are not included in the Agenda because there is no pending legislation or, possibly, legislation may not be necessary. If legislation affecting these issues arises, ACRL will advocate for the best interests of academic and research libraries by relying on past precedent and current analysis.

This document is issued each spring, prior to National Library Legislative Day, and focuses on issues that the U.S. Congress has recently taken, or will likely take, action on in the year ahead. ACRL is active in advocating for policy and legislation through the ALA Washington Office, as well as through coalition work with groups such as the Open Access Working Group and the Library Copyright Alliance (LCA).

### Stakeholders

The committee emailed ACRL committee chairs (acrl-cttechairs) and ACRL Leaders (acrl-leads), which includes current and past Board, committee chairs and interest group chairs and requested suggestions for the Legislative Agenda items prior to the ALA Midwinter Conference. We received responses suggesting

- 1) The continued inclusion of FASTR.
- 2) Adding the issue of gun control on campus ("campus carry"). This was discussed but not included by committee as it may be an issue addressed at the state-level.
- 3) Support for the National Endowment for the Humanities. This is mentioned in the section on the Budget on the Watch List.
- 4) The continued inclusion of Net Neutrality on the Agenda.

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- 5) The possible fight to maintain funding for the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The issue of threats to Data Collection was included as an item on the Watch List.

The ALA Washington Office was frequently consulted as a source of information in developing the Legislative Agenda.

**Action Recommended**

That the ACRL Board of Directors approves the 2017 ACRL Legislative Agenda virtually so that it may be issued in advance of National Library Legislative Day, May 1-2, 2017.

**Strategic Goal Area Supported**

Please add additional sheets as needed to explain. Select the goal area that will be affected most by this action.

Value of Academic Libraries

Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

Student Learning

Goal: Advance innovative practices and environments that transform student learning.

Research and Scholarly Environment

Goal: Librarians accelerate the transition to more open and equitable systems of scholarship.

New Roles and Changing Landscapes

Goal: Academic and research library workforce effectively navigates change in higher education environments.

Enabling Programs and Services

ACRL programs, services, and publications that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.

**Fiscal and Staffing Impact**

**Motion**

Above recommendation moved

No motion made

Motion revised (see motion form)

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**Action Taken**

Motion Approved

Motion Defeated

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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