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#SupportSUP is a newsletter devoted to providing up-to-date information for the effort to preserve and grow Stanford University Press. Please check out our <u>website</u> for the timeline of this struggle and an archive of documents, including news articles, op-eds, statements, open letters.

On June 13, at 3:15 pm, the Faculty Senate will have its final meeting of the academic year. It will hear a report from the Director of the Stanford University Press, and also hear a motion to have the Faculty Senate pass a resolution that:

- 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 C-LIB and the editorial board of Stanford University Press the two bodies made up of Academic Council faculty that work most closely with SUP.

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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."

Our concern is that the process thus far has been entirely top-down with no consultation with the major stakeholders—the faculty.

All those concerned about the issue should consider doing three things.

First, if you are able to and can commit to attending the Senate meeting, please do so here (<a href="http://web.stanford.edu/~abanner/June13.fb">http://web.stanford.edu/~abanner/June13.fb</a>), or write to Adrienne Emory at aemory@stanford.edu for an invitation. You should do this as soon as possible, but only if you are going to attend.

Second, learn about this issue by reviewing the information contained on our website (<a href="https://save-sup.org/">https://save-sup.org/</a>).

Third, if you are going to attend the Senate meeting, join us beforehand at 2:15 pm in the courtyard between buildings 260 and 250 on the outer quad (right across from Cubberly). We will have buttons and fliers to hand out, and we will march to the Senate meeting together. Wearing a button is a critical part of our show of support. If you cannot meet at 2:15 please ask one of the organizers for a button at the meeting itself. Remember—trustees have been invited as well, and they need to see the level of concern and support.

<u>Listen</u> to Professor Thomas Mullaney talk on KQED's "Forum" about the issues behind the Stanford University Press case.

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Three Principles for #SupportSUP

## Importance of Academic Publishing

SUP is essential to the academic mission of the university.

## **Faculty Governance**

Decisions about SUP's future should go through Stanford's Faculty Senate and SUP's Editorial Board.

## **Proper Procedure**

The review process should afford full transparency, honor Stanford's rich tradition of <u>active faculty governance</u>, and solicit expert opinions through an external review committee.

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