

Resolution Regarding Funding for UH Manoa Library

Whereas, The University of Hawaii at Manoa Senate Library Task Force report recommended that the UH Manoa Library receive funding so that the annual expenditures would be similar to those of our peer institution libraries;

Whereas, The WASC Special Visit Report of October 2007
<http://www.uhm.hawaii.edu/wasc/archives/2007/pdf/wasc_2007_team_report.pdf> noted that the "Adequacy of financial resources is a serious matter especially with regard to campus facilities, library support, program assessment, and student support...";

Whereas, The WASC Accreditation Report of 1999 noted grave concerns about the cuts that the UH Manoa Library had sustained during campus-wide budget cuts of the 1990s;

Whereas, The UH Manoa Strategic Plan, Defining Our Destiny 2002-2010 stated, "Our library ranking according to the Association of Research Libraries improves from 68th to 40th (our former ranking) out of 113 U.S. and Canadian libraries" and that the UH Manoa Library is now 81st out of 113 U.S. and Canadian libraries most notably lower in expenditures and staffing;

Whereas, The Chancellor has called for campus-wide budget cuts of 2%, sparing only Facilities from that cut;

Whereas, The UH Manoa Library is the primary research library in the University of Hawaii System, the State of Hawaii, and the Pacific and supports all academic departments in their research and instruction;

Whereas, Cuts to the library budget are in essence additional cuts to all programs;

Resolved, That the UH Manoa Library Faculty request the UH Manoa Chancellor to exempt the UH Manoa Library from the 2% budget cut; and

Resolved, That the UH Manoa Library Faculty urge the Chancellor to release the supplemental budget monies allocated to the UH Manoa Library by the State of Hawaii legislature and governor.