

RESOLUTION ON THE LIBRARY REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL TIMELINE

Whereas the University of Hawaii at Manoa Library's administration issued its draft proposal for reorganization on April 5, 14 months after initiating the process, and

Whereas the Library's faculty and staff were asked to submit comments on the draft proposal within 16 days, by April 21, and

Whereas in response to faculty and staff requests for more time to comment, the deadline was extended another 15 days to May 6, and

Whereas the UHM Library's administration gave itself 11 days to read and incorporate comments into its reorganization proposal, by May 17, and

Whereas the Library Senate recognizes that 11 days is likely an insufficient amount of time to read comments representing over 150 people and to incorporate said comments into the reorganization proposal in a meaningful way, and

Whereas the deadline to submit the proposal to the Manoa Faculty Senate, June 22, falls after the spring semester has ended and most faculty are off duty, and therefore ensures that either: 1) the proposal will not be reviewed until the Senate reconvenes in the fall, thereby rendering the current timeline unjustifiably rushed; or 2) the proposal will be reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee in the full Senate's stead, thereby bypassing a significant part of the review process, then be it

Resolved, the Library Senate asks that to foster deliberate and thoughtful dialog between itself and Library and campus faculty and staff, the Library Administration change the date the proposal be presented to the Manoa Faculty Senate's Senate Executive Committee to the last Monday in August, August 29, and consider adjusting its internal deadline for incorporating and addressing Library faculty and staff comments in its proposal, as it deems appropriate.

Date: April 12, 2011