



Presented to the Library Senate by the Library Senate Executive Board for a vote on Monday, August 5, 2019, a resolution to oppose the draft Library Services Reorganization Proposal dated July 3, 2019. Resolution passed by voice vote.

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE DRAFT LIBRARY SERVICES REORGANIZATION
PROPOSAL DATED JULY 3, 2019**

WHEREAS, Library Administration requested Library Senate consideration and feedback on a draft reorganization proposal shared unit-wide on July 3, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Library Administration hosted meetings for Library faculty and staff to discuss the proposal on July 10 and July 12, 2019, and also provided a Google Form beginning July 12, 2019 to collect and share comments from Library faculty and staff; and,

WHEREAS, there was no Library-wide discussion on the proposal or opportunity for revision prior to its delivery to the Library Senate for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, there is a lack of evidence of widespread support for the proposal in the comments shared thus far; and,

WHEREAS, the University is currently conducting a search process for a new permanent University Librarian, the Library's chief academic and administrative officer; and,

WHEREAS, all three of the Library's executives are currently in interim appointments; and,

WHEREAS, no convincing argument as been provided for eliminating the unique organizational identity of the University Archives and Manuscripts Collection; and,

WHEREAS, concern has been expressed about the elimination of focused oversight and coordination for departments with collection services responsibilities and departments with public services responsibilities, two core functions of a research university library; and,



WHEREAS, concern has been expressed about organizing multiple faculty members in an information technology unit without providing the opportunity for one of those faculty members to serve as a chair, thus also removing the opportunity for those faculty members to receive independent chair-level review of applications for tenure, promotion, or contract renewal; and,

WHEREAS, concern has been expressed about inconsistencies resulting from not updating all of the functional statements; and,

WHEREAS, concern has been expressed about the removal of centralized responsibility for General Rare materials; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Library Senate is opposed to the draft Library Services Reorganization Proposal dated July 3, 2019; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Senate requests that any substantively revised proposal be forwarded to the Library Senate again for reconsideration.