

Library Senate

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,

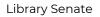
WHEREAS, there is a lack of evidence of widespread support for the proposal in the comments shared thus far; and,

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.