

# Resolution on Shared Governance and Consultation

Presented to the Library Senate by the Library Senate Executive Board for a vote on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, a resolution to affirm the role of the Library Senate in shared governance and the necessity of consultation between the Library Administration and the Library faculty regarding academic policies and programs and to reassert the faculty's responsibility for collection development.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 4 of the Library Senate Constitution states, "The Library Senate shall also have the responsibility to speak for the faculty on academic policy matters;" and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6 of the Library Senate Constitution states, "Matters coming to the attention of the University Librarian, and in areas under the University Librarian's responsibility, relevant to the concerns of the Library Senate and the welfare of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library (hereinafter called the University Library) shall be forwarded to the Library Senate for its consideration and timely response;" and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Library Senate Constitution states, "The Library Senate endorses and calls for principles of openness and collegiality in the shared governance and administration of the University Library;" and

WHEREAS, the Library Administration became involved in discussions to move the UH Press to the University Library in February, 2020, and only acknowledged that these discussions were underway after Provost Bruno mentioned it at the December 16, 2020 Mānoa Faculty Senate meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Library Administration met with some Library faculty in private but to date has not initiated consultation with the Library Senate regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the potential relocation of UH Press's staff and offices will have a significant impact on the work of Library faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Library Administration, in violation of the Library faculty's acknowledged responsibility for collection development, has proceeded to investigate the purchase of library materials to clear space to facilitate the relocation of the UH Press; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Library Senate asks that Library Administration refrain from making collection development decisions outside of its consultative and advisory role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Senate requests that the Library Administration, in a spirit of shared governance and collegiality, formally consult with the Library Senate concerning academic policy matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Senate asks that to foster deliberate and thoughtful dialog between itself and Library faculty, the Library Administration initiate formal consultation with the Library Senate prior to the initiation of new or revised policies or programs that fall within the responsibility of the Library faculty.