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To: Clem Guthro, University Librarian

From: Dore Minatodani, Chair,
UH Mānoa Library Faculty Senate

Date: May 30, 2023

Re: Resolution on a New E/M Position for Library Collections

At its May 23, 2023 meeting, the UHM Library Senate approved the attached resolution in support of an E/M position for library collections. Thank you for engaging us on this matter, and for meeting with us at our April 18 meeting.

UHM LIBRARY SENATE
RESOLUTION ON A NEW E/M POSITION FOR LIBRARY COLLECTIONS
Approved by the Library Senate, May 23, 2023

1. Whereas University Librarian Clem Guthro requested feedback from the Library Senate on establishing an E/M position responsible for Library collections;
2. Whereas the Library's collections, to which half of the Library's budget is allocated, is a significant responsibility that warrants a position with overarching oversight;
3. Whereas overarching oversight of collections should include oversight of the physical and digital space they require;
4. Whereas the scope of the Library's collections extends beyond physical collections to include owned and licensed digital content;
5. Whereas collection building should factor in needs determined by interlibrary loan requests;
6. Whereas the Library's collections strategy would benefit from someone responsible for collecting and analyzing the Library's acquisition and use data for collections, in all formats;
7. Whereas stable leadership of CDMC and BAG would provide consistent and sharper focus on collections and facilitate longer range planning for collections;
8. Whereas establishing the position in the E/M category outside of the Library's existing three divisions' departments will avoid conflict that placement of the position within a department would likely engender; and
9. Whereas the Library Senate can envision a collegial division of responsibility for collections that preserves for library faculty their responsibility to select and build collections in response to campus and patron needs, within a collections strategy established by an E/M for Library collections in consultation with library faculty;
10. Resolved, the Library Senate endorses an E/M position for collections strategies and management.