RESOLUTION REGARDING COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEREAS, the UHM Library Senate is a chartered Faculty Senate whose Constitution and By-Laws state that Library faculty have "primary responsibility for such fundamental academic areas" as "developing and maintaining the collections,"; and

WHEREAS, the UHM Library Personnel Committee Policies and Procedures, approved by the UHM Chancellor's Office and UHPA, state that one of the seven "aspects of librarianship" is collection development; and

WHEREAS, UH Board of Regents Policy "RP 1.210, Regents’ Policy on Faculty Involvement in Academic Decision-Making and Academic Policy Development" states that, "faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental academic areas as curriculum content, subject matter, and methods of instruction and research,"; and

WHEREAS, library collections directly impact methods of instruction and research; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Library Senate re-states that planning and developing library collections, i.e. selecting, is the responsibility of active library faculty; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 asks that Library Administration enjoin parties other than active library faculty from making collection development decisions.

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