Library Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes
2005-02-09

Present:

Convened:
9:03 am in Sinclair Library room 4, the meeting was called to order by Christensen (Chair).

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes of 2005-01-12 were unanimously approved by voice vote.

2. Additions to the agenda

None.

3. Upcoming meeting with the University Librarian:

Christensen briefed the Senate on LSEB’s meeting tomorrow with the University Librarian (Diane Perushek). It was emphasized that the purpose of this meeting is to give the University Librarian the opportunity respond to the Senate's issues. The LSEB will not be making any comments. The LSEB is there to listen to the University Librarian's response and convey that response to the full senate.

4. Revising the Constitution (Christensen):

Christensen made a presentation titled: "Revising the Library Senate Constitution: The Role of Library Faculty in Decision Making and Policy Development" and provided handouts (Library Senate Constitution and By-Laws Preamble, UHM Faculty Congress and Senate Charter Preamble, and UH Board of Regents Policy Section 1-10: Regents' Policy on Faculty Involvement in Academic Decision Making and Academic Policy Development). The full presentation will be available on the Library Senate's web page. The major topics included:

- Need for revision
- A possible model in the charter of the UHM faculty congress and senate
- BOR Policy Section 1-10
- Interpreting Sec. 1-10 for library faculty
- Sec. 1-10 and library organization
- An example related to collection development
- Action plan: Senate discussion, LSEB drafts a revision for Senate consideration
- Resources for discussion
A motion was made, seconded, and a friendly amendment added to revise the Library Senate constitution for the purpose of aligning it with the Manoa Faculty Senate Charter and the Board of Regents Policy. Discussion focused on questions about the pros and cons of pursuing such a revision, including additional work, roles, responsibilities, and being able to meet tenure and promotion criteria. There were suggestions about other topics and issues, including the budget and planning process, hiring decisions, and numerous areas of library faculty activities that demonstrate scholarly and academic contributions. There was discussion about the roles that both faculty and administration have to play. Faculty and Administration will need to consult and negotiate to resolve differences on issues. It was also suggested that other portions of the Library Senate Constitution and By-Laws be examined for possible revision.

It was emphasized that all the documentation already exists and provides a substantial foundation for a collegial approach to academic decision making and policy development. Aligning the preamble of the Library Senate Constitution and By-Laws with the preamble of the Manoa Faculty Senate Charter and with the Board of Regents Policies clarifies faculty and administration roles and responsibilities. It also enables the library faculty to enter into negotiation with administration over matters of academic decision making and policy development.

A voice vote to call the question was unanimously approved. The motion on the floor was unanimously approved by voice vote.

LSEB will draft a revision for the full Senate to work on.

5. Next Meeting

February 23, 2005

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.

Submitted by Theodore Kwok, Secretary

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