Library Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes
2006-11-01

Present:
LSEB: Frost, Johnson, Lebbin, Mattos, Minatodani, Peacock (chair), Riedy (recorder), Rutter.
TOTAL ATTENDEES: 37

Convened:
1:35 p.m. in Hamilton Library Room 113 by Peacock (chair).

1. Approval of the September 28, 2006 minutes

The minutes were approved.

2. Reports of officers and standing committees

There were no officer or committee reports.

3. Update on Current Budget Crisis

At the request of LSEB, Paula Mochida, Acting University Librarian, attended the meeting to update the Senate on the current budget crisis. In her remarks Mochida said that the library needs to focus on services for faculty and students and that the services that need attention may be different than those on which we traditionally focused, namely collection development. The budget shortfall has been a moving target. As of a few weeks ago, the deficit was projected at $828,000. She said that the University does not have money to cover this shortfall and that the library must demonstrate that it is willing to take action. To wit, CDMC has decided to stop the Approval Plan as of December 31. This action is projected to save about $400,000. Further savings will be realized by reducing the student budget by $300,000 and the library’s operating expenses by $100,000, mostly from reductions to the binding budget and DNS. Another $300,000 still needs to be found to show our “good faith.” CDMC will be reviewing electronic resources for possible cuts.

Mochida said she and Schwarzwalder have been invited to meet with the Manoa Faculty Senate’s Committee on Administration and Budget on Thursday, November 2 to discuss the library’s budget situation. On Monday, November 6 they will meet with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Neil Smastresk. Mochida and Schwarzwalder requested the Senate defer sending its package of 3 resolutions to the Manoa Faculty Senate until after these meetings in the interest of presenting a united front to the University Administration.
A lengthy discussion ensued on the budget, the need to move expeditiously, and the united front strategy.

Peacock asked if the Senate agreed that we do something and that the three resolutions should be a package deal. No one expressed opposition.

Subsequently, the following motion was presented and seconded:

“The Library Senate approves in principle a package of three resolutions on the budget deficit and LSEB will prepare the final language and send it to the Manoa Faculty Senate as soon as possible.”

The motion passed unanimously

The package of three resolutions will be made available for review and comment on the staff intranet: [https://libstaff.manoa.hawaii.edu/Members/dorem/resolutions](https://libstaff.manoa.hawaii.edu/Members/dorem/resolutions)

### 4. Collection Services Head

Mochida reported on the latest thinking within the Library Administration on filling the vacant Collection Services Head position. She asked if the Senate would have any opposition to converting a faculty position (the one held by the previous incumbent) to a management position. She said that the library had requests for 8 new positions in the next biennium and that one of those positions, if approved, could become a faculty position. She said before going to UHPA for approval she would like to know if the Senate was opposed to such a move. The Senate will take up the issue at a future meeting.

### 5. New business

Solyom suggested that the Senate sponsor a forum to discuss fundraising and the UH Foundation to help us better understand the work and mindset of fundraisers and people in the Foundation.

### 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Allen Riedy, secretary

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**LIBRARY SENATE**

Beth Tillinghast, Paul Wermager, Kuang-Tien Yao, David Yin, Jan Zastrow. (TOTAL FACULTY MEMBERS: 56)