1. Appointment of Interim University Librarian (Neil Smatresk)

Senate Chair Karen Peacock introduced Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Neil Smatresk. In her introduction Karen noted that the Library Senate in December had sent the Vice Chancellor a recommendation that he appoint Paula Mochida as Interim University Librarian. In response to a follow-up message by Karen on the status of the appointment the Vice Chancellor asked to speak with the Library Senate. The Vice Chancellor opened his remarks by stating that his meetings with the current Library Management Team have been the most productive meetings with the library that he has ever had.

At the end of this fiscal year, the university will have a deficit of $7 million and there are no hidden pots of money to reduce the deficit. The university is currently spending money it hopes it will receive from increased enrollments over the next 2 years. If the expected enrollments materialize, the deficit should disappear next year or early the following year.

His office is preparing an “action memo” to submit to the Chancellor when she returns to the campus on the Interim Librarian appointment. He said he will “most likely take our consideration [recommendation] very seriously.” He hopes to have something to us next week. He stated that appointment of an interim librarian does not indicate a change in his attitude toward the team management approach. He believes that library management should represent all voices within the library and all disciplines.

He plans to constitute a committee consisting of the Library Management Team, Council of Chairs, and others to help better connect the library to the broader campus. He said he has been working hard at the legislature to advance the university’s and library’s budget needs. As of now, library funding is in Tier 3 of the budget; only tiers 1 and 2 have been approved by the governor so far.

The Vice Chancellor took comments and questions:

Comment: Remember all library faculty are librarians, not just members of the Library
Administrative Team

Q: What happened to the Manoa Library Committee?
A: It probably doesn’t exist anymore. I want to make sure that the major stakeholders are represented in a new committee.

Q: Library faculty were not given a say in the vision of the library. It was only presented to us.
A: There should be an opportunity for 2-way conversation up and down.

Q: When will the search for a new University Librarian begin?
A: As soon as the new chancellor gives the go ahead.

Q: When will there be a new chancellor?
A: Expect an announcement by the end of March.

2. Resolution on the Position of Collection Development Manager

Vicky Lebbin presented a Resolution on the Position of Collection Development Manager. Discussion centered on why the resolution was needed, whether or not the position description was approved by CDMC and LDC, whether the position was to be permanent or not, and the appropriateness of the timing of the resolution. The Senate voted 17-10 to approve the resolution (appended to the end of these minutes).

3. Follow-up activities to the Library Forum on the Future of the Library

Karen opened discussion by noting that the forum had produced positive results and elicited positive comments from faculty. The question now is what do we do next? The following suggestions and comments were made:

- Lobby with the legislature for an appropriate budget for the next biennium
- Next year’s fiscal crisis remains unresolved
- Continue communication with the faculty
- Put the slides from the Library Forum on the web
- Selectors should contact their faculty and arrange to make presentations on the budget to departments or attend department meetings
- Offer solutions to the faculty when we meet with them
- Expand the comprehension of legislators by speaking with them
- Support among librarians for the biennium budget is universal but what do we do about the here and now
- Get faculty to voice their concerns
- Engage the campus in what kind of library we would like and how do we achieve it. What do they [faculty and students] want of us?
- Get the campus to recognize the library as part of its infrastructure, not as a costly outside entity
- We can’t afford to live as we have in the past. What do we need to cut back on?
- How can we cut back when the campus has failed to cut its programs, especially graduate programs which often depend on intensive use of library resources?
- What is the role of the Library Development Officer? Why isn’t more money being gotten from donors?
- According to the ALA code, ILL is an adjunct to, not a replacement for, collection
development. By relying too much on ILL, we may jeopardize our accreditation.

- What programs are coming up for accreditation. We can speak to them about how the library affects their programs.
- We can attend and participate in the forthcoming WASC accreditation visit.
- Strength of library is an important component in the quadrennial National Resource Centers [for area study programs] competitions.
- Reconstitute the Manoa Library Committee
- ASUH is planning a petition drive on behalf of the library this week. We can advise them how to disseminate the petition more widely
- Prepare a short canned statement on the library situation for people to use as needed and for legislative consumption
- Establish a Wiki on the future of the library to get people to talk about the library
- Need to lobby the governor, who has not approved Tier 3 of the budget, where enhanced library funds reside
- We need to act quickly since there is a deadline for bills to the legislature
- Can UHPA play any role?
- Library Senate should consider sending a delegation to Sen. Sakamoto [who apparently has some misconceptions about the library and its budget]

4. Library Personnel Committee

Yati Paseng announced that the chair of LPC will be split this year due to sabbaticals. Yati will be chair through the end of August. Mike Chopey will assume the chair beginning September 1, 2007.

5. New Business

No new business was raised.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by Allen Riedy, secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Library Administration is considering that the position of Collection Development Manager be made permanent; and

WHEREAS, the current members of the Library Administration are temporary and changes to the library organization will have a lasting impact; and

WHEREAS, the role and function of the Collection Development Manager with the Library Administration has not been defined; and

WHEREAS, the relationship of the Collection Development Manager to the Collection Development & Management Committee has not been documented; and

WHEREAS, the librarian faculty have not been able to reach consensus on the nature of the Collection Development Manager position; and

WHEREAS, there is no librarian faculty position to assign without creating a vacancy
or performing conflict-ridden reassignments of individuals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Library Faculty Senate advises the Library Administration at this time not to permanently establish the position of Collection Development Manager.

LIBRARY SENATE
