Library Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes
2008-03-18

Present:
LSEB: Christensen, Grosenheider, Kellett, Lebbin, Polansky, Wermager

TOTAL ATTENDEES: 16
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS: 16
NOTE: 18 voting Senate members are required for a quorum. Lacking the required quorum the Senate could not conduct its standard business (i.e., approval of minutes, submitting and voting on motions).

Convened:
10:05 am in Hamilton Library Room 301 by Lebbin (Chair).

1. Minutes of 22 January 2008 meeting

Lacking a quorum, minutes were not approved.

2. Reports of Officers of Standing Committees

Lebbin announced there had been no reply from Chancellor Hinshaw about an email request for arranging a meeting with the Library Senate to discuss recruitment plans for a new University Librarian. Last week, Lebbin followed up the email with a memo faxed to the Chancellor's office. There has been no response thus far. It was suggested that a phone call to the Chancellor's secretary might be productive.

3. Library Strategic Plan Report

Grosenheider discussed the draft of the Final Report of the Library Strategic Plan and provided the Library Faculty Senate with an opportunity to comment and make a formal statement on the document. Lacking a quorum, the Senate was not able to formulate a formal statement on the document. Individuals, however, expressed their concerns about the report and discussed issues not included in the strategic plan. Topics discussed included:

- "learning" in the Mission statement implies learning is part of the mission of the University
- Matching our goals and objectives to the concerns expressed in the LibQual and Manoa Faculty Senate surveys, combined with our professional judgment
- Building our collection - not part of the Goals and Objectives
- ARL statistics as benchmarks along with LibQual - not addressed in the plan
- Importance of cataloging and improving our catalog's holdings - not clearly articulated
- Word "steward" in Goal II is a weak verb, implying status quo and could mean preservation instead of building collections
Concern that faculty responsibilities/positions may be reclassified as APT (not in the strategic plan)

4. Supplemental Budget Request

The February 2008 release by Library Administration of "FY 09 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Request" dated July 5, 2007, was the first time many librarian faculty had an opportunity to review the details (e.g., listing of the 8 requested positions and their titles) of the supplemental budget request. The group raised several questions about the budget request, including:

- What are the actual job descriptions associated with the 8 job titles?
- Where is the narrative associated with the list of jobs?
- Requested positions are usually accompanied by a House Finance and Senate Ways and Means report. Do we have access to that report?
- Are the positions described as APT or librarian work?
- Why were the positions reallocated and not based on the position survey conducted several years ago in the Library?
- Can the Library Senate have input in the planning for the next Biennium Budget?

Lebbin will address some of these concerns in a memo to the University Librarian.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Next Senate meeting: April 15, 2008, at 10 am.

Submitted by Paul Wermager, Secretary

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