Library Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes
2008-05-02

Present:
LSEB: Johnson, Kellett, Polansky, Wermager
GUEST: VCAA Linda Johnsrud

TOTAL ATTENDEES: 28
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS: 26
NOTE: 18 voting Senate members are required for a quorum.

Convened:
10:05 am in Hamilton Library Yap Conference Room A156 by Johnson (Chair).

1. Invited Guest: Vice President for Academic Planning & Policy and Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Linda Johnsrud

Johnson welcomed VPAPP/VCAA Johnsrud to the Library and introduced her to the Library Senate. At the invitation of the LSEB, Johnsrud attended the special meeting of the Library Faculty Senate to address the recruitment of a permanent University Librarian. Chancellor Hinshaw was unable to attend the Senate meeting and requested that the Interim VCAA attend and discuss this issue with library faculty.

Johnsrud made a few prefatory remarks before opening up the meeting to questions. Manoa currently has five interim deans, which she said is not an ideal situation. She also noted the Library had recently conducted an extensive strategic planning process that should help the Library move forward with its goals. She also reported that Vice Chancellor Ostrander's name will be on the BOR's next agenda for approval as the new VCAA.

The following questions/concerns were raised and discussed:

- What is UH Manoa Administration's plan for recruitment of a permanent University Librarian?
  - Johnsrud said the intention is to fill the 2 Associate/Assistant University Librarian (AUL) positions first before conducting a national search for a University Librarian (UL). The tentative timetable: fill the AULs in 2008 and begin recruiting the UL January 2009.

- The pros and cons for filling the AULs before hiring a permanent UL generated considerable discussion.

- Concerns were expressed that the AUL positions would be filled locally without a serious national search.
  - Johnsrud stated that the AUL positions would be filled by doing national searches.
- A question about Library reorganization was raised.

  - Johnsrud was under the impression that the Library's recent strategic planning had included Library reorganization plans. It was pointed out that while Library reorganization planning may be occurring they were not included in the strategic planning and have not yet been presented to or discussed with the library faculty.

- Outcome of the meeting:

  Johnsrud said she would report the Library Faculty Senate's concerns to Chancellor Hinshaw and Vice Chancellor Ostrander, including the desire to move forward with the above recruitment timetable.

2. Library Senate Minutes Approved

Reidy moved to approve the Library Senate meeting minutes of 11 December 2007, 22 January 2008, 29 February 2008 and 18 March 2008. Seconded by Anderson. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Next Senate meeting: 20 May 2008, at 10 am.

Submitted by Paul Wermager, Secretary

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