Library Faculty Senate Meeting
17 January 2012

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT (19): Jim Cartwright (MFS), Mike Chopey, Ross Christensen, Stu Dawrs, David Flynn (UHPA), Eileen Herring (Secretary), Ruth Horie, Allie Jordan (Elections), Carol Kellett, Sharon Ouchi, Yati Paseng, Pat Polansky (Vice-Chair), Allen Riedy, Sara Rutter, Asako Shiba, Gwen Sinclair (Chair), Hisami Springer, Jan Sung, Mabel Suzuki, Jude Yang

Convened at 10:30 a.m. in the Yap Conference Room, Hamilton Library

Before the agenda items were addressed, Sinclair acknowledged the service of two LSEB members: Horie who served as Parliamentarian until the position was abolished at the beginning of January; and, Jordan who served as Elections Committee Chair, but will be leaving Honolulu at the end of the month.

1. Minutes Approval

The minutes for the 15 November meeting and the 22 November and 29 November emergency meetings were approved.

2. New business, was deferred until the Interim University Librarian could join the meeting.

3. Reports

a) Chair (Sinclair): Sinclair attended the All-Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC). At the meeting, a proposal was made for term limits for Administrators who have faculty appointments; it was decided that more information was needed on the issue. There was also a proposal to institute a salary cap; the Council will request more information from Executive VP for Academic Affairs Johnsrud. Various issues with faculty housing were discussed; while this is technically systemwide issue, current faculty housing is on Oahu making this issue irrelevant to neighbor island faculty. UH Maui put forward a resolution for common transcript evaluation; faculty input would still be necessary; some programs such as Nursing are already implementing this. Discussion of systemwide library resources is on the next agenda; there is concern about lack of access to UH Manoa Library resources. Additional details on these topics can be found in the ACCFSC Web site at http://www.hawaii.edu/accfsc/ when the minutes become available.

Sinclair reported that it has come to her attention that many APTs are missing from the current associate member roster and that there is no mechanism for advising the Chair or Secretary when there are new APTs at the library. Herring will add the missing members to the listserv and to the Web page; she will notify them about the changes. The Personnel Officer has been asked to notify LSEB of future APT hires or changes.

b) Vice Chair (Polansky): No report
c) Secretary (Herring): The file for the August survey results has been added to the Library Faculty Senate Web site.

d) Elections (Jordan): No report.

e) Library Personnel Committee: Sinclair reported that Grosenheider had asked for a meeting with the LPC regarding criteria for evaluating collegiality.

f) Manoa Faculty Senate (Cartwright): No report.

g) University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (Flynn): UHPA participated in the MLK Day parade. Members were reminded about the meetings with UHPA concerning the reorganization proposal next week.

4. Old Business

a) Appointment of Interim University Librarian: The approved testimony was delivered to the Board of Regents before the deadline for their meeting.

b) Reorganization proposal: LSEB arranged for two meetings next week between Library faculty and Kristeen Hanselman of UHPA. The Manoa Faculty Senate's Committee on Administration and Budget (CAB) has requested a meeting with the LSEB on 25 January at 3:00 p.m. Sinclair has forwarded all of the survey results regarding the reorganization to them; she also suggested that they meet with the entire faculty and hopes that will also happen next week.

At 11:10 a.m. the Library Executive Team joined the meeting.

Voting Members joining the meeting: Kris Anderson, Amy Carlson

Associate Members joining the meeting: Gregg Geary, Alan Grosenheider, Kim Nakano

2. New business

a) Gregg Geary, Interim University Librarian: Geary attended the senate meeting in response to an invitation by the LSEB to “to discuss working with the Senate on many impending projects.” Geary stated that for the 18 months of his interim appointment he will be focusing on the following three areas:

1. Space issues: this would include the air handler project for which planning is already in process and which will be very disruptive; it also includes the Sinclair second floor project which will include consultation with library faculty.

2. Funding: he hopes to raise $1 million in both public and private funding by the end of the 18 month period; he is planning on revisiting the library’s base budget with campus administration.

3. Use of technology: this item includes the campus move to Kuali and
the UH Library Council's decision to implement Primo.

Geary plans on enhancing communication by having the LET minutes posted more promptly and by adding additional forms of communication, such as use of YouTube videos for monthly updates. He will be visiting each department in the upcoming weeks to listen to concerns. His emphasis will be on “clarity over agreement.” He believes that respectful disagreement is acceptable.

Geary then took questions from the Senate members and the following topics were discussed:

- When asked for additional details on the funding issue, Geary informed the Senate that the campus has changed its approach to working with the State legislature. Individual units no longer lobby directly as was done in the previous budget cycle. Lobbying is now done centrally through the Chancellor's and President’s offices. Because of this, Geary has to persuade the campus administration of the library’s value so that they will include library funding in their efforts. Campus administration’s assessment is “outcomes based” and they are also focusing on system-wide improvements in student success.

- In response to a question about his interactions with the VCAA, Geary stated that he has not been given any direction from that office.

- Geary was reminded that there is significant value in the services, such as cataloging, that our library provides to the system.

- Geary was asked what Sinclair Library ideas and/or initiatives he would bring to the rest of the library. He stated that partnerships are key and good relationships with other campus units are important. Our value to students is key to campus administration support and that will be one of Geary’s emphases.

- When asked about his personal approach to interacting with library faculty, Geary indicated that the AULs will be responsible for communication about day to day activities.

- Geary informed the Senate that, contrary to the decision of the previous University Librarian, he will be accepting campus administration’s offer of a space consultant for the library. There are many space issues that need to be handled in the near future and Geary feels that the consultant will be able to assist the library in shifting space uses effectively. He also feels that it will indicate to campus administration that the library is serious about solving its space issues. Geary stated that he will require that the consultant be a professional who is familiar with libraries and their space issues. Geary also stated that all space solutions will be considered, including off-site storage.

- Geary was asked what effect the upcoming change in Chancellors will have on his plans to work with campus administration and he responded that he does not yet have any information on what changes might take place at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.
Submitted by Eileen Herring