Library Senate Executive Board

Meeting Minutes
2005-05-16

Present:
LSEB: Barnard, Cartwright, Chopey, Christensen (chair), Flynn (recorder), Frost (for Stone), Horie, Rutter, Schultz

Excused:
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Convened:
The meeting was called to order by Christensen (chair) at 1:00 PM in Hamilton Library, Room 108H.

1. Review of action taken at May 11, 2005 Special Senate Meeting, Conduct Vote of No Confidence

LSEB confirmed that actions have progressed according to parliamentary procedure. There was brief discussion about whether or not the May 11, 2005 meeting was an emergency meeting, thus requiring a review of actions taken. It was concluded that even though five working days notice were given, thus making the May 11 meeting a regular meeting, an opportunity for review of the action should be provided at the May 18, 2005 meeting.

LSEB discussed the following issues:

- connection of draft resolution document and a vote of no confidence;
- current draft’s potential influence on vote;
- need/value, or otherwise, of conducting planned review prior to holding vote of no confidence;
- distinction between earlier solicited comments shared with the University Librarian and wider participation by librarians in formal administrative review;
- value or conflict of having formal review results prior to holding vote of no confidence;
- importance of having resolution to which all librarians can answer;
- potential weight of a passed resolution;
- potential for many questions to be raised outside of the library if vote of no confidence is not accompanied by concrete evidence of failure to fulfill responsibilities.

Following extensive discussion, the majority of LSEB members agreed that a full formal review should be conducted prior to holding a vote of no confidence. It is expected that the formal review results will help demonstrate the Senate’s overall position on the University Librarian’s performance and, if terribly negative, might further support the results of a vote of no confidence. Christensen will convey LSEB’s position, along with an outline of reasons for reaching this position, during the May 18 meeting.

2. Next Meeting
Executive Board, May 18, 2005, 10:00+ am. Location Hamilton Room 113.

3. Adjourned

2:15 pm

Submitted by David Flynn (in Senate Secretary's absence)