

11/8/11 DRAFT AMENDMENT TO:
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA LIBRARY SENATE

PROPOSED BY:
Library Senate Executive Board

PURPOSE: To eliminate the position of Parliamentarian and give the duty of interpreting parliamentary procedure to the Chairperson.

RATIONALE: To conform with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, which states, in part:

"A member of an assembly who acts as its parliamentarian has the same duty as the presiding officer to maintain a position of neutrality, and therefore does not make motions, participate in debate, or vote on any question except in the case of a ballot vote."

Serving as Parliamentarian and observing these restrictions would limit the ability of the member holding the position to participate in shared governance. Therefore the LSEB recommends that the position of Parliamentarian be eliminated and the duty to interpret parliamentary procedure be given to the Chairperson.

The underlined text below would be replaced by the following text:

(3) Interprets parliamentary procedure from the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 3. Duties

The duties of the Officers are as follows:

a. Chairperson

- (1) Presides at meetings of the Library Senate.
- (2) Presides at meetings of the Executive Board.
- (3) Appoints a Parliamentarian who interprets procedures from the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- (4) Appoints ex-officio members to the Executive Board and to the Senate committees as needed.

The underlined text below would be replaced by the following text:

A quorum consists of one-third of the voting members of the Library Senate. Business is conducted according to the procedures outlined in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise stated in this Constitution and By-Laws.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section 4. Quorum

A quorum consists of one-third of the voting members of the Library Senate. Business is conducted according to the procedures outlined in the latest unabridged edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise stated in this Constitution and By-Laws.