

## Charge to Task Force on the UH Manoa Library

In response to ongoing difficulties meeting the costs of library materials, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee is forming a task force to examine the issues and questions described below.

The committee membership is as follows: two library faculty, three or four instructional or research faculty, a faculty member from another UH campus, a graduate student, and an undergraduate student.

The committee is asked to submit its report to the Manoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee by April 2008.

In broad consultation with UH Manoa administration, faculty, and students, including the Library administration and faculty,

- 1) The committee is asked to describe the current state of the UH Manoa Library in terms of its mission statement<sup>1</sup>, the stated 2002-2010 UH Manoa Strategic Plan research benchmark regarding the Library<sup>2</sup>, and the scholarly communication and academic environment in which the Library currently operates, locally and nationally.
- 2) After surveying the UH Manoa faculty, students, staff and administration the committee is asked to describe,
  - a. The library services and resources needed to support the research and knowledge creation at UH Manoa;
  - b. The library services and resources needed to support undergraduate education and research;
  - c. The library services and resources needed to support graduate education and research;
- 3) The committee is asked to identify existing barriers, and future barriers that need to be addressed now, that impede UH Manoa Library from meeting its mission and,
- 4) The committee is asked to identify and recommend funding mechanisms that are sustainable within the larger UH Manoa institutional budget, and the UH system budget, which will facilitate UH Manoa Library in meeting its mission and the expectations of its stakeholders in terms of collections and services and finally,
- 5) The committee is asked to identify and recommend organizational structures that will facilitate continuing input by UH Manoa faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students in UH Manoa Library planning and policy development as well as implementation of the library mission.

<sup>1</sup>University of Hawaii at Manoa Library Mission, "Support the teaching, research and information needs of faculty, students, staff and the community. Provide physical and intellectual access to the world of knowledge. Preserve our local cultural heritage for future generations of students and scholars, " (UH Manoa Library Strategic Plan 2003-2010).

<sup>2</sup>"Our library ranking according to the Association for Research Libraries improves from 68th to 40th (our former ranking) out of 113 U.S. and Canadian libraries," University of Hawaii at Manoa Strategic Plan: Defining Our Destiny, 2002-2010, 5. The UH Manoa Library has fallen to 79th place in the latest ARL rankings, 2005.