Planning Budget Council

Request Title: Hawaiian Specialist Librarian

Part I. General Information
Name of requestor: Nancy Heu
Unit, Department or Program: Academic Support/Library

Part II. Resource Information
Type of request by code and description:  
OE operating equipment
OO operating other
PN program change request
PW PCR - workload
PF PCR - new facilities
CP CIP - new facility
CR CIP - Renovation
CM CIP - R&M

Alignment with Strategic Plan*: Action Outcome 1.5

Part III. Narrative - Description and Rationale
Descriptive Summary of the Request
The 1.0 FTE Hawaiian Specialist Librarian will target Native Hawaiian students, students obtaining an Academic Subject Certificate in Hawaiian Studies and the increased enrollment in the expanding number of Hawaiian Studies courses and courses with a Hawaiian focus. This librarian will:
- Provide reference assistance regarding Hawaii and the Pacific Islands via various modes of communication.
- Provide individual and class instruction in the use of print and electronic resources and technology and mentor students in individual projects.
- Be a scholarly resource for Hawaiian Studies and other classes with a Hawaii focus including history, geology, and political science. Work collaboratively with classroom instructors to be an integral part of the class.
- Develop and maintain the Hawaiian and Pacific collections.
- Staff the Hawaiian Collection room in the new Library Learning as present staff will not be able to keep the room open except by appointment.
- Digitize Hawaiian materials and work with other agencies to post the materials to a central source.
- Design library web pages and resource guides to facilitate access to Hawaiian and Pacific materials and information.
- Plan and design exhibits and displays with a Hawaiian/Pacific theme for the Hawaiian Collection Room and the Library in general.

Rationale for Request
A librarian specializing in Hawaiian and Pacific culture and history will enable the library to better serve Native Hawaiian students and students enrolled in the expanding number of Hawaiian Studies courses and courses with a Hawaiian focus. Presently a deeper scholarly knowledge of Hawaiian language and culture is required as much of the information in this area is located in books and not well-indexed. This position becomes even more crucial when the new building is completed and the Hawaiian Collection is in a separate room on the upper level. The present staffing level will all allow the library to keep the room open a reasonable number of hours or provide a high level of service. In addition this position will allow the library to expand digitization of college documents and Hawaiian collection materials.

Documentation
Title III grant to expand the number of Hawaiian Studies courses and establish an AA in Hawaiian Studies.
Library Action Plan Outcome 3.2.a. Students will learn about specific resources that meet the needs of subject area classes.