

Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 18, 2010

Attendance:

Susan Hippensteele (Chair)	X		Chancellor Hinshaw	Greg Takayama	Others:
Lilikala	X	Martin Rayner	X	VCGRE Ostrander	David Lassner
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Shirley Daniel	X	Halina Zaleski	X	VCAA Dasenbrock	
Rosanne Harrigan	X	David Duffy	X	VCSA Hernandez	

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Call to order	Meeting convened at 3 p.m.	
Meeting with CTO David Lassner	<p>Lassner noted that there are 3 broadband infrastructure grants. Over \$50 million was awarded for the various projects.</p> <p>The first grant is not ARRA money and addresses the international connections which connect with Australia. UH is the Prime recipient on this with subgrants to California.</p> <p>The other 2 grants are ARRA grants. The first is an EPSCORE grant focused on upgrading the links between the interisland (\$1 million). The other grant of \$10 million will acquire 2 high speed links to tie into the west coast and catch us up to leading edge speed (10 GB).</p> <p>There were also 2 grants announced at the higher ed summit. The first is \$2,4 million to put almost 700 computers at public libraries and other locations to provide public access to the internet.</p> <p>The largest grant will provide fiber connecting every public school, public library and most major UH facilities on the islands (except Trop Ag extension stations). Sites will have between 1 GB and 10 GB connectivity. The Native Hawaiian Center will finally be connected. Many other locations including the University Centers will also benefit.</p> <p>Video conferencing will improve and there will be an integration of the HITS and polycom systems and connect worldwide.</p>	

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	<p>The UH served an instrumental role in obtaining the funds for these projects, which are benefitting the public schools, public libraries and many other constituents in Hawai'i. An EA will be required before the work commences. There is RTRF, but not a full share, as some was waived.</p> <p>Kuali:</p> <p>Accounting for leave (sick, vacation, etc.) is being addressed in the new system.</p> <p>The tool for infrastructure for workflow system is called RICE. It will allow online approvals, similar to the current RCUH supervisor tools.</p> <p>The research administration tool is the Coeus system from MIT. They are working with ORS on this, and hope to have this implemented in a few years. Many functions will be online.</p> <p>The FMIS system is still being developed. The new controller, Paul Kobayashi is taking a high level of interest in this. He has noted that the decentralization in fiscal policies and practices is problematic. Staffing shortages may delay implementation. The Kuali executive committee has not met in a few months.</p> <p>With regard to faculty representation on the executive committee, Lassner said the administration doesn't want too many faculty representatives on the committee. There will be</p> <p>The Kuali Executive Committee includes: Todo, Lassner, Kobayashi, Morton, Cutshaw, Unebasami, Nishimoto UHWO, Fitsimmons UHH, budget director, and IA. There are also SME (subject matter expert) user groups who are also consulted. The SEC expressed concern that there is insufficient input from user groups, including faculty, department chairs, deans, chancellors, etc. Because the Kuali system allows us to pull best practices from other universities, we should consider appropriate changes to improve our processes.</p> <p>Lassner inquired what type of consultation process we need to consider the switch to Google mail. He noted that universities across the nation have made different decisions on this issue. Some of have switched student accounts first and then made the decision to include faculty to obtain better service. The SEC indicated that many UH faculty feel strongly about this issue, therefore a broad consultation is needed. Most concerns are privacy and security related. Lassner noted that the UH could save money by outsourcing the service and that while we have not had a major breach, it is not impossible. Since email is a mature service then it is a question about whether the UH should spend money on this when we could get it for free from Google. The SEC indicated that more specific cost savings estimates might be helpful. Lassner noted that we can lock in a 4 year</p>	

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	<p>agreement, and our current system is old and might have to be replaced eventually. There are also open source email services.</p> <p>The SEC inquired about back up. Lassner noted they have daily tape backups that are taken by a secure courier to an offsite storage.</p>	
Chairs Report	<p>No MET was held or other such events.</p> <p>The SP writing groups will meet tomorrow in 2 groups.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Paper copies of the revised June 21 and 28 meetings were provided. Minutes of June 21 were approved as corrected. Minutes of June 28 were approved as corrected. Minutes of September 20 were approved as corrected. September 27 minutes were approved on October 4.</p> <p>Minutes of October 4 were approved as corrected. Minutes of October 11 were approved as corrected.</p>	
Meeting with VCAA Dasenbrock	<p>International Program Leadership: The SEC discussed the memo from the VCAA concerning the organization and leadership of international programs. The proposal includes reconstituting the MIEC and appointing the Dean of SPAS simultaneously as AVCIEP. He has discussed this proposal with the Deans and they concur with it. He has also discussed it with Ned Shultz who is willing to serve for a few years. The SEC concurred with this proposal.</p> <p>T&P procedures: The VCAA brought up the issue of new proposed T&P policies and procedures. He has gotten some feedback from the Deans. He has also met with the CPM who provided input on some concerns. Based on this input, the VCAA is working on some wording inconsistencies. There are also concerns about the applications coming back to the Dean. He has asked for departmental statements on certain types of genre, and co-authorship, and authorship order in the specific field.</p> <p>He noted that there is some new UHPA contract language that notes that dossiers should be transmitted from the TPRC back to the Dean.</p> <p>There were also concerns about the new wording on outside referees. The proposed language has been simplified to focus more on conflicts of interest rather than co-authors, etc.</p> <p>He is working on revisions for some of the issues and will come back to the Senate and CPM. He hopes the matter can come before the Nov Senate meeting. After that he can send the revised draft to UHPA. There may be additional changes proposed in February.</p>	

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	<p>CPM is also looking at salary supplements for faculty who have fellowships/awards that don't equal their salary. Particularly in some fields, the faculty need help to be able to take advantage of these.</p> <p>The VCAA is still working on the classroom policy. He's met with CAB. CAPP is still considering the issue. There is a desire to move from 3 database/scheduling systems to 2. OFDAS has been meeting with others involved in classroom scheduling to try to better coordinate and combine data sets. The VCAA is still working through the implementation details.</p> <p>The agenda for the Congress on Oct 20 was reviewed. The VCAA noted that he would be out of town on Wednesday.</p> <p>The SEC inquired about the revenue/tuition sharing policy proposed. The VCAA noted that the UH was informed that there is an additional \$3 million in ARRA funds available that had been misclassified to the DOE. So we now have to spend this. There is also additional savings from the prior year that have led to a surplus cash position at the end of last year, as the UHM thought that the prior year cuts of \$14.7 are now perhaps going to be restored. It is not clear. There is also a debate about whether tuition should be raised. There has been rhetoric in the governor's race pertaining to this issue.</p> <p>So at this point in time, how these funds can be spent is in question. It may be pushed down to the Deans, but we it is not know what the budgets will be in the long run. The VCAA favors investing in classroom and technology that will benefit students.</p> <p>He is proposing that return of tuition be based on a proportion of credit hours as well as growth in credit hours. This should help fund the core instructional areas. It is hoped that a portion of this should be recurring, but it isn't clear. Perhaps the Chancellor will make an announcement relating to this on Wednesday.</p> <p>The VCAA left at 5:05 p.m.</p>	
Committee reports	<p>CSA met and discussed a number of issues, but nothing was resolved to bring forward at this time. The new chair is Vaughn Philips. They are reviewing their report to be posted at a later time.</p> <p>GEC is reviewing the requirements for math. The review of high fail courses has identified Math 100 as problematic. However the SEC noted that the data used to report this may be faulty. There are also issues of prerequisites for diversification courses. There is still a need to appoint a member to the international committee.</p>	

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	<p>CoR met and issued a report on PBRC. The final version of the report was approved and finished this afternoon. CoR still needs to appoint a representative to the international committee.</p> <p>CPM is still addressing their original charge regarding the myriad of committees.</p> <p>MAC and there was a frank exchange of views about the consolidation of the assessment office, GEO and OFDAS.</p> <p>CPM met and the issues were previously noted in our discussion with the VCAA. Primary concerned with T&P.</p>	
Parking committee issues/reports	<p>To pay for additional structures would require almost doubling parking fees. There appears to be little support for this, so alternative transportation models are to be explored, such as buses and bike lanes. A more effective schedule of express buses to UH park linked to park and ride facilities. The committee will explore plans from the city, and other urban areas. There may be unexpected maintenance costs to ensure safety of parking structures that may add to existing parking fees</p>	
RTRF	<p>RTRF as it related to the system and Manoa was discussed.</p>	
	<p>The SEC adjourned at 6 p.m.</p>	