

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015 **1:30 pm**
LOCATION: Hawaii Hall 208
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		GUESTS	TIME
Bob Cooney – Chair	P	Stacey Roberts	E	Doug Vincent – Secretary	P	Interim Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman	2:00 pm – 3:05 pm
Kelley Withy	P	Peter Garrod	P	Ashley Maynard	P	Carolyn Stephenson, CAPP Chair	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
John Kinder – Staff	P						

SUBJECT	CONTEXT	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by Chair Cooney at 1:35 pm
REVIEW OF MINUTES	1. The minutes of May 11, 2015 SEC meeting had been circulated electronically before the meeting.	1. Motion by P. Garrod to approve the minutes as amended; second by D. Vincent. Passed unanimously.
CHAIRS REPORT	<p>With the resignation of Ron Bontekoe, Vice-Chair Bob Cooney has assumed the Chair. Chair Bob Cooney reported.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1:1 meeting with Chancellor – Chair Cooney briefed the SEC on his meeting with Interim Chancellor. The Chancellor envisions empowering the Senate Committees encouraging the cognizant VCs to meet more regularly with the Senate committees. Vacant SEC Vice Chair Position – Chair Cooney is going to be away for a few meetings in June. Discussion whether we need to appoint a new Vice Chair of the current SEC during the transition period between SEC's. We also discussed the need for meetings every week during the summer. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No action needed. Rather than appoint a Vice Chair for a short period between now and the new SEC officer elections, it was decided that the Chair would designate an Acting Chair while he is away. Peter Garrod will serve as Acting Chair for the June 1 and June 8 meeting (if necessary). John Kinder will send out a Doodle to determine

		current and new SEC's availability over the summer and meetings will be scheduled accordingly.
3.	VPAA Assessment Proposal – The UH system Vice President for Academic Affairs Risa Dickson. Apparently this is will replace eCAFE and be a system wide, standardized course (and possibly faculty) evaluation. The SEC was given a short turnaround to provide feedback on this proposal (May 15, 2015).	3. The SEC Chair will express our discomfort about this proposal in his testimony at the BOR meeting.
4.	Dual Credit Legislation – Carolyn Stephenson, CAPP Chair reported on this new law passed by legislature this session. This law extends the opportunity for public school students to earn college level credits down to the 9 th and 10 th grades. Carolyn subsequently reviewed the testimony on this legislation and it is largely favorable. The SEC had decided to express their concerns about this legislation via letter to Governor Ige.	4. The Chair will send a letter on behalf of the SEC to express our concern about how this legislation will be implemented.
5.	Athletics Resolution – At the May Senate meeting, the Senate passed a resolution instructing the Chair of the Senate to send a letter in support of federal legislation HR 275 to the Hawaii Congressional delegation. The bill would establish a watchdog commission to examine issues related to intercollegiate athletics. Concerns have been raised that should the Senate Chair send a letter would this be considered lobbying.	5. Kelley will check with the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) who is sponsoring this bill on how we might proceed. Bob Cooney may send the letter on behalf of the Senate but put in the standard disclaimer that his opinion does not represent the University of Hawaii.
6.	Future MFS Elections -- Ian Pagano, who is the Senator who manages elections for MFS, has indicated his unwillingness to continue in that role. As he knows the election system and no one else does, it is important that we either convince Ian to stay on, have John Kinder learn the system or find an alternative. It was suggested that with the new SEC, that someone in the SEC leadership	6. The SEC will consult with UHPA to determine how they conduct their election and John Kinder will search for elections software that might be adopted should we not be able to adopt Ian's system.

	other than the Chair, be designated to work with Ian and John to bring the system into the MFS office.	
GUESTS	<p>Interim Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman 2:00 pm – 3:05 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future role of MFS. Interim Chancellor Bley-Vroman talked about his ideas for future relations between the administration and the Senate. He talked about when he was Senate and CAB Chair and how he worked to make the Senate more “deliberative”. His concern is that SEC and not the Senate per se has done much of the consultative work with the administration. He’d rather have the administration work more closely with the entire Senate, empowering the committees. He will encourage his VCs to work closely with their “respective committees” rather than meeting as much with the SEC. He also mentioned that he would prefer that the VCs not be attending the Senate meetings to offer comments or debate the issues. 2. BOR Results. The Chancellor was encouraged by the response to the BOR budget “deep dive”. Despite support by budget director Kalbert Young, the 7% tuition increase is at risk. It appears that the tuition increase may be rolled back to 5% with no decision about the future increase. UHM will not be able to make progress toward resolving its budget problems without the tuition increase, which has already been built into the budget. The SEC also asked about the athletics budget and the projected deficit. The Chancellor suggested that would be best left for another conversation. 3. BTF Resolution. The Chancellor was asked about the Senate resolution about the Budget Task Force (BTF) passed at the May Senate meeting. While Bley-Vroman disagreed with the premise of the resolution, he said the administration can’t ignore the request from the Senate and is ready to work with the Senate to ensure that the models are workable. But this may require that the Senate (or 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Interim Chancellor has his viewpoints about working with the Senate. We will continue to work with the Chancellor. 2. The SEC will continue to monitor the budget issues. 3. The Senate stands ready to assist in the process. <p>The SEC thanked the Interim Chancellor for taking time to meet with us.</p>

	<p>CAB) work with the administration to test out the models. Having working models affects UHM's "external credibility". The Chancellor wants to have campus conversations about the budget allocation models with faculty and staff in the early Fall 2015 Semester.</p>	
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAB – Doug Vincent reported. CAB met on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 to complete the review of the PBRC-SOEST reorganization. Interim Director Alan Lau, Deputy Director Marilyn Dunlap and PBRC faculty member were present at the meeting and took questions about the reorganization. All of CAB's questions were addressed at the meeting. It was emphasized that any minor concerns had more to do with the process of consultation with SOEST faculty rather than the substance of the reorganization per se. It was actually observed that as PBRC reviewed options for a "place" to go (CNS, CTAHR, and SOEST), that SOEST was the best fit, both in terms of subject matter and that SOEST already has standalone ORUs within SOEST. PBRC likewise would retain its ORU status within SOEST. CAB voted 7-0 to endorse the reorganization. CAB also recommended that the SEC act on behalf of the Senate to endorse the reorganization. 2. COA – Kelley Withy reported on the COA meeting with new Athletics Director Maitlin. On the positive side, Maitland seems to understand the business of collegiate athletics. On the negative side, the budget deficit projected for next fiscal year of ~\$4.7 M plus the cost of any settlement with the former basketball coach. The challenges Maitlin faces are not of his own doing – when UH announced it would join the Mountain West for football, former President Greenwood agreed to pay a portion of the travel expenses for the MW teams to come to Hawaii. Kelley suggested that we invite the new AD to the SEC over the summer. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Kinder will send out the CAB email to the MFS listserv seeking input on the PBRC-SOEST reorganization. SEC to decide to endorse or not at the June 1, 2015 meeting. 2. Once the summer meeting schedule has been settled, an invitation will be extended.
OLD BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permanent Chancellor -- Chair Cooney indicated concern about reports that Interim Chancellor 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair Cooney will include in his testimony at the May 21, 2015

	<p>Bley-Vroman will soon be appointed the permanent chancellor without a formal search. Other SEC members confirmed hearing the same thing. Regardless of what the SEC thinks of RBV – should President Lassner take this step it would represent a serious departure from the principles of faculty input and shared governance.</p> <p>2. 2014-15 MFS Chancellor Evaluation survey. The SEC was asked by President Lassner to provide an evaluation of Interim Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman. The SEC developed a Survey Monkey survey with 9 questions and the SEC members submitted responses. Kelley Withy summarized the responses. The SEC reviewed the responses. In addition the MFS office sent the same survey out to the 2014-2015 MFS and is seeking responses. Thus far we've received about 40 responses. At the close of the survey period, these responses will be packaged along with the summary of the SEC's evaluation and sent to President Lassner.</p>	<p>BOR meeting expressing the SEC concerns about potentially pursuing this course of action and the need for faculty involvement in any process for the selection of a permanent chancellor.</p> <p>2. John Kinder to gather, but not summarize, the survey, and send, along with the SEC survey summary to President Lassner.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	1. Agenda for the SEC meeting on June 1, 2015.	1. An agenda for the June 1, 2015 SEC meeting was developed.
ADJOURNMENT	Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the next meeting of the SEC will be on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 1:30 pm in Hawaii Hall 208	Motion to adjourn by A. Maynard; seconded by K. Withy. All approved the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Vincent, SEC Secretary
Approved unanimously on June 1, 2015.