

FACULTY SENATE

Committee on Research and Graduate Education (CORGE)

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: 10/05/2011

ATTENDANCE:

Bontekoe, Ron Chair / A&H	X	Ernst, Thomas JABSOM		Leineweber, Anne ARCH	X	Lyons, Laura (non-Senator) LLL	X	Steinhoff, Patricia (non-Senator) SOCSCI	X
Butler, Marguerite NATSCI	X	Frazer, L.N. SOEST	X	Richmond, Robert ORU	X	Rayner, Martin (non-Senator) JABSOM	X	Wells, Mo GSO representative	X
Ching, Donna CTAHR	X	Kameeleihiwa, Lilikala (SEC liaison)	X	Stenger, Victor JABSOM		Roberts, Kelly ED			
Duffy, David NATSCI	X	Leake, Anne Nursing/DH	X	Conway, Danielle (non-Senator) LAW	X	Saunders, David (non-Senator) NATSCI	X		

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION/STRATEGY
SEC REFERRED ISSUES ITEMS 1 TO 6		
1. CTAHR REORGANIZATION PLAN	Donna Ching confirmed that this proposal was vetted in the college.	<i>Approved by consensus</i>
2. FACULTY CATEGORIES WORKING GROUP WITH CPM	The SEC charge for 2010-11 was to look at combining the I and R categories. Adding the S category to the end-of-the-year motion was controversial. Three members volunteered to work on this further with CPM: M. Butler, D. Ching and D. Sanders.	<i>Forward names of CORGE subgroup to CPM</i>
3. GRADUATE STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS	Draft document prepared by D. Duffy after getting input from students and faculty. There is no overall graduate student handbook so each department has their own. Feedback included adding "if qualified" to item 6. May take one year to work this through and get it vetted. R. Bontekoe, M. Cooney, M. Wells volunteer to work on the draft as a subgroup	<i>Subgroup to confer before next CORGE meeting</i>
4. POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF KEWALO	There is no formal proposal at the moment. In May 2011 the BOR rejected the proposal to close PBRC. Some of the regents asked about Kewalo Marine Laboratory at that meeting. The end of the lease for Kewalo is July, 2013. CAB is working on a resolution asking for the status on both PBRC and Kewalo. The SEC wants committees to articulate what should be the faculty review on building closures at UHM, and CAB is starting this process. MFS passed a resolution for VCRGE Ostrander to step down as interim Director of PBRC, but the outcome is unknown.	<i>SEC asked to find out the response and outcome to the resolution asking VCRGE Ostrander to step down as interim Director of PBRC</i>

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5. WALKING AT GRADUATION CEREMONY PRIOR TO DISSERTATION DEFENSE	With the suspension of Summer graduation ceremonies, the Grad Division currently determines if PhD students who have not yet successfully defended their dissertation are close enough to finishing to be allowed to walk in a graduation ceremony. The criteria used are not known. Pros for allowing this: it's just a form and a ceremony. Cons: this practice cheapens the defense. Having a uniform policy with departments having the right of refusal was proposed.	<i>R. Bontekoe and A. Leake will bring up with Grad Council.</i>
6. QUALITY OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS	Last year the departments did a self-assessment of their graduate programs with some but not all participating. The Grad Division can close down a poor performing program. Some departments were > 3 S.D. from the mean in areas such as poor placement records for their PhDs and a virtual open door policy for admissions. The faculty is trying to get involved and have input. The Grad Council has not been proceeding in program closure. In discussing what the role of CORGE should be, suggestions were to review criteria, establish a common format for reporting, and serve as a second set of eyes when a program is recommended to be closed.	<i>Continue clarification of the role for CORGE in evaluation of graduate education</i>
OTHER MATTERS ITEMS 7 TO 11		
7. CORGE INVOLVEMENT IN EVALUATION OF GRAD PROGRAMS (BUTLER)	See also #6 above. The Grad Division requested that CORGE look at problematic cases. The broader question: what is the role of faculty in evaluation of graduate education?	<i>See #6 above</i>
8. PROBATIONARY STATUS FOR PHD STUDENTS EXCEEDING 7 YEARS (RICHMOND)	The case was presented of a PhD student defending in February 2012. She is just over 7 years, having lost access to her research sample through no fault of her own. She now has "PROBATIONARY" stamped on her official transcript. She had lost She is applying for post-docs and this designation could affect her acceptance. This is a new procedure instituted by Grad Division.	<i>R. Richmond will send language to Bontekoe and Leake to bring to the Grad Council.</i>
9. POLICY ISSUES FOR CORGE	Need to establish criteria for what policy issues CORGE and the Grad Council should consider.	<i>Bontekoe and Leake to discuss with P. Cooper and K. Tokuno this month.</i>
10. RESOLUTION ON CHANCELLOR SEARCH	Doing without a Manoa Chancellor would save \$14M. There are qualified internal applicants.	<i>Bontekoe to draft motion and send to CORGE members.</i>
11. NRC ASSESSMENT OF UH	Tabled for lack of time	