



FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

October 21, 2015

Architecture Auditorium (ARCH 205)

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

ATTENDANCE

Present (48) ALLEN, Chizuko; ANGELO, Michael; BARGERHUFF, Mary; BHATAWADEKAR, Sai; BUENCONSEJO-LUM, Lee; BUTLER, Marguerite; CHESNEY-LIND, Meda; CHIN, David; COONEY, Robert; DANIEL, Marcus; ERICSON, David; FLYNN, David; FRANKE, Adrian; GLAZER, Brian; GOSNELL, William; HELLEBRAND, Eric; HONG, Seunghye; HUTCHISON, Elisabeth; IRVINE, Christine; JOHNSON, Shannon; JUN, Soojin; KAME'ELEIHIWA, Lilikala; KUHN, Jeffrey; LIM, Unhee; MANINI, Bonnyjean; MINATODANI, Dore; NGO, Viet; O'HARROW, Stephen; OLIVEIRA, Katrina-Ann; PAULL, Robert; POISSON, Guylaine; RAI, Sarita; RICHARDSON, James; SAKAGUCHI, Ann; SANDERS, David; SCHOLLY, Kristen; STEGER, Manfred; STEPHENSON, Carolyn; STEWART, Maria; SUVOROV, Ruslan; SZYMCZAK, Victoria; VALENZUELA, Hector; WARD, Cynthia; WELLS, Jenny; WERTHEIMER, Andrew; WITHY, Kelley; YAN, Tao; YUE, Ming-Bao

Excused (27) ABHARI, Kaveh; BHATTACHARYA, Torsha; CASKEN, John; COFFMAN, Makena; CROSS, Patrick; CSISZAR, Katalin; DEENIK, Jonathan; FELIPE, Miguel; HARRIGAN, Rosanne; HARRIS-MCCOY, Daniel; HERENIKO, Vilsoni; ISKANDER, Magdy; LUCAS, Christopher; MASTERS, Patricia; MAYNARD, Ashley; MCKIMMY, Paul; MITCHELL, Lauren; NGUYEN, Hannah; OISHI, Martin; OYAMA, Ian; SHIRAMIZU, Bruce; SIPES, Brent; SOON, Reni; TAM, Elizabeth; THOMAS, Florence; TSE, Alice; XIAO, Bo

Absent (0) n/a

Guest(s) Marcus Hayden (*OVCR*); Cynthia Hunter (*Marine Option Program*); Jeff Kuwabara (*Marine Option Program*); David Ross (*Math*); Tung Hoang (*Microbiology*); Amy Agbayani (*Student Affairs*); Jim Douglas (*Microbiology*); Denise Konan (*Social Sciences*); Stephanie Kraft-Terry (*Biology*); Ruth O. Bingham (*Advising Center*)

1. CALL TO ORDER 3:03pm

2. MINUTES

- September 16, 2015 Senate Minutes [[PDF](#)] [[DOC](#)] (*DRAFT*) passed by majority vote.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chancellor search is anticipated, but first President Lassner must get the salary approved. We are hoping he will do that at the next BOR meeting.
- Budgeting process-faculty involvement unsatisfactory to date and is of particular interest to the SEC.
- Snyder Hall planning- resolution under new business that all involved faculty be invited to charrettes to discuss program needs of all stakeholders.

4. BUSINESS

- Committee on Research presented Motion to Endorse the Committee on Research proposed changes in executive research policy* [[PDF](#)] [[DOC](#)]
 - The Administration requested the policy be passed to insure we can continue to administer federal grant



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funds.

- Faculty member requested that the “other pathogens” statement be clarified as it may unduly limit faculty research.
- Motion to delay consideration of the motion until November meeting.
- Resolution to delay passed unanimously. (43/0)

- *Committee on Professional Matters* presented **Motion to Endorse CTAHR's Senate Resolution on Assistant Extension Agent Hiring** [[PDF](#)] [[DOC](#)]

- Clarification of extension agent requirements to read Bachelor's degree OR 3 years of experience (not both). Unanimous endorsement from CTAHR Faculty Senate.
- Resolution passed 42/1/2

- *Committee on Administration and Budget* presented **Resolution on the Five Percent (5%) System Wide Withholding on Research Training and Revolving Funds (RTRF)** □ [[PDF](#)] [[DOC](#)]

- One person from COR provided input.
- Research and Training Revolving Fund has traditionally been allocated 25% VPRI (System), 25% VCR (UHM) and 50% to Deans and Directors (UHM).
- HRS 304A-2253 identifies three possible expenditure categories.
- September 19, 2015 memo from Vassilis Syrmos to Robert Bley-Vroman disseminated to keep an extra 5% of RTRF at the System level without consult with faculty.
- On 4/20/2005 COR Resolution requested VPR and VCR consult with MFS regarding RTRF distributions.
- CAB resolution and resolution drafted by English and Political Science Departments combined into the resolution to be reviewed today.
- VPRI can make changes to RTRF, legal fees have been paid out of RTRF in the past, VPRI did consult with UHM Interim Chancellor and Vice Chancellor.
- Faculty comments indicated that there never was a set distribution of RTRF, but it is an agreement that has been honored by administration.
- Vassilis put the change in RTRF in writing.
- COR would like a formal link between UHARI and COR.
- If legal fees are needed for an issue it should come from the observatory responsible.
- There seems to be dramatic differences in the way schools, and departments handle the money, it would be worthwhile to standardize this.
- It seems that administration uses RTRF as a slush fund as there are no hard and fast rules so senate should come up with a proposal on how RTRF is handled. Universities handle RTRF differently, but UHM endorsed a responsibility centered management method of allocating funding, so the policy of UHMFS have spoken that policy should be RTRF goes back to department that generates it.
- We have been hearing that UHM is the only campus that has a budget shortfall and that system is fine, so why doesn't system pay their own bills. Although there is no structural reason for why the breakdown is the way it is, programs count on the funding so there should be consultation before changing the current practice.
- Resolution passed (40 /2 /1)

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5. NEW BUSINESS

- *Senate Executive Committee presented Resolution Regarding the Planning Process of 'Snyder Prime'* ☐[PDF] ☐[DOC] ☐
 - This is another example of consultation issues. Snyder is attached to Edmonson and it was supposed to be renovated in 2012 and architectural plans (\$2million) had faculty input. Then recently faculty was told that a new Snyder building was going to be built across campus instead. SEC learned that charrette was planned but that participation would be limited and determined by the dean so the resolution is a request to have all impacted faculty be invited to the charrette.
 - Microbiology was promised to be renovated in 1985 and we are waiting since then. Previous Dean promised microbiology three floors of newly renovated Snyder. Recently microbiology was told that they will only get 1.5 floors despite special needs (walk in incubators, refrigerators and freezers) and the needs of faculty were not considered. Microbiology now on the verge of extinction despite being here for 50 years and serving many different departments. Ten faculty with 50 graduate students will not fit in the building as planned.
 - In 1985 Microbiology was promised renovation, in 2009 again promised renovation. When requesting meetings with Steve Meder faculty were put off, then this spring the renovation was cancelled and English was going to be put in Snyder. Many promises made, it is very demoralizing to constantly have the rug pulled out from under us from a non-communicating administration.
 - Is the English Department going to be moved?
 - Endangered snail lab will have to be moved. In this process there was something called a programming document that identifies the users and functions and space that each group gets. Faculty were not allowed to see that document or provide input. Between 2012 and 2015 there was a lot of confusion and the Biology faculty were asked to move out for new construction. Now we have to do this fast because the funds are going to expire. The authorization to plan Snyder Prime involves the movement of many departments. This is part of a mini-master plan that everyone should be aware of.
 - This is a really critical issue and very demoralizing for all faculty involved. It points out why faculty senate has to have a better way to plan and has to have faculty do this. For 20 years we have been lied to, money has disappeared; there has been lack of transparency. Recommend each department lists needs so we know how UHM needs to grow. CAB is going to have a resolution about bottom up budget planning.
 - This is not an isolated incident, it is a part of a deeper problem of lack of consultation. COE will have a resolution come forward next month as they have been forced out of the only science and art classrooms. Money was allocated and lapsed twice now. Now have been told to move out without a plan and just found out that there is actually a plan that was never discussed with faculty. We have a very deep problem with planning. It shows great disrespect for students having to learn in compromised classrooms that we have.
- Question called: passed 40/2



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- Resolution passed unanimously: 42/0

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT none

Motion to adjourn 4:13pm passed

Respectfully submitted by SEC Secretary Kelley Withy
Approved on November 18, 2015