

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2019 **2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
LOCATION: Hawaii Hall 208
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		GUESTS	TIME
Brian Powell, Chair	E	David Duffy, Vice-Chair	P	Ann Sakaguchi, SEC Secretary	P	iChancellor David Lassner	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Stacey Roberts, MFS Secretary	P	Jennifer Griswold	P			Wendy Pearson	3:00 PM- 4:00PM
Carolyn Stephenson	P	David Ross	P	John Kinder - Staff	E		

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair David at 2:03 PM.
REVIEW OF MINUTES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the 3/11/19 Senate Executive Committee meetings had been circulated electronically. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the 3/25/19 minutes by D. Ross, seconded by C. Stephenson. Minutes approved 4 in favor, 1 abstention.
VICE CHAIR'S REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A major uproar occurred this past week with the proposed deletion of 121 filled and/or vacant positions by the Legislature (see page 842 of HB2 SB1), which was passed unanimously by the Senate. The proposed deletions were apparently restored during the House-Senate reconciliation process but other cuts remained. The Vice Chair met with the Manoa leadership concerning a compassionate admissions policy for students left stranded by the Argosy University shut down. UH admission standards would apply but acceptance date would be extended. The administration would like to accept Argosy general education credits but will require them to complete several extra courses that are unique to Manoa. Departments and schools would determine if they admit students to their 	

	<p>programs. UH needs to develop a permanent policy to handle similar situations that might arise from economic or disaster events. Timing is of the essence as Argosy students need to enroll and find support starting with the summer session.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	<p>1. None.</p>	
GUESTS	<p>1. iChancellor David Lassner (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM) Discussion topics:</p> <p>1. Legislative Status - The SEC asked the iChancellor of an account of what led to the events of the past week. Lassner discussed how the UH received requests for information on faculty positions, such as teaching load and grants received. Such data was provided for more than 1,000 UHM positions. Then, suddenly, a Senate draft to the budget proposed cutting 121 positions and \$30 million was discovered. Additional \$6M and 100 positions were also proposed in cuts. President's team of AVC Beverly McCreary, VC Michael Bruno, VP Kalbert Young. VP Donald Straney and VPRI Vassilis Syrmos provided information for positions that were at risk and at the end, VP Young was acknowledged by the legislature for all his work in restoring the positions. Most of the system positions are salaried. Lassner noted that he was confused by the events that transpired, including UHPA's reactions.</p> <p>Lassner stated that he did not provide names to the Legislature but did provide names to the UHPA which had contacted the potentially affected individuals. It was presumed that certain deans, likely by associating names with the position numbers, informed their faculty but Lassner stated that none of the notices came from his office. He felt personally confident that everything could be worked out and didn't want the identified faculty to be unnecessarily worried. He acknowledged that he failed in better communicating this and will take full responsibility for that. He also said if the SEC had suggestions on how to avoid situations</p>	

	<p>like this moving forward, that he would welcome hearing them.</p> <p>It appears that everything has been restored except for 1 of the 121 positions proposed in cuts. A reduction in unearned performance of \$2M stands but it does not affect positions and the 30 positions in Athletics that UH requested for conversion to G-fund positions still remain in the budget as of 3/25.</p> <p>Lassner mentioned that the Business Roundtable (composed of 50 top businesses in Hawaii), unsolicited, reached out to support the UH and wrote a letter to the 76 legislators to oppose the cuts. He was grateful for this gesture.</p> <p><u>Two Senate Bills regarding the BOR</u> -- D. Duffy inquired whether the SEC should take a position on the two Senate bills regarding the BOR that would change the membership from 15 to 11 and revise the process by which BOR members are selected if passed. Lassner said that he was directed by the BOR to not become involved in this. Recruiting BOR members have been difficult due to the financial disclosure and the conflicts of interests requirements</p> <p>2. SEC Proposed Functional Statements --The SEC stated that MFS have major concerns with regard to the Chief Business Officer (CBO) reporting to the President. Lassner said that K. Cutshaw will remain as the OVCAFO and will not be the CBO until the reporting lines are fully discussed in the Phase II deliberations.</p> <p>3. Wendy L. Pearson, Program Officer Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (4:00 PM)</p> <p>In her role as WASC accreditation liaison for UHM, Wendy Pearson regularly checks the WASC website. In January 2019, she noticed the 'last clause accreditation' status of Argosy and soon thereafter learned it was closed. When Heald was closed down, the UHM did not assist because the</p>	
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degree programs at Heald were primarily vocational. Argosy has a number of graduate programs, such as psychology, business, leadership, etc. However, UHM can only facilitate if there is a match. According to Pearson, it will have no impact on the integrity of the program/degrees and students already enrolled at UHM.

The question was asked if the transfers into UHM would be made easier because of the compassion situation, e.g. waiving requirements or admissibility? Concerns were raised that Argosy UG students may not be on the same level with UHM UG students. Pearson assured the SEC that UG students needed to apply and be admitted. If the applicant has more than 24 credits, he/she would need to provide a college transcript as part of the application. A high school transcript is necessary for students with less than 24 credits. Dean D. Konan of Social Sciences is interested in offering the business track of the newly launched online bachelors degree in economics to Argosy students.

Pearson proposed that the GenEd requirements be waived for the 8 nursing students as they are within a semester of graduation and already have an RN license. Dean M. Boland of Nursing is agreeable to waiving these requirements.

Eighty percent of the Argosy graduate students are in educational organizational leadership but this is different from UHM programs at the College of Education (COE). COE is, however, working with American Samoa on the master's degree students. The PsyD, doctorate in business, MBA, and master's in human resources management are not available at UHM and/or will not be offered. Public Health may be able to accept some students. No application has been received yet, so all of this is speculative at this point. It is clear that sadly, most would not be able to attend the UHM.

In Pearson's view, Argosy targeted military, first-generation college attendees, who are unable to afford another two years to finish the GenEd

requirements. Argosy charged high tuition so comparatively, UHM is lower priced.

Wendy discussed the compassionate admission policy as a temporary measure to address the Argosy situation and the VCAA's plan is to develop a more permanent policy for the long term.

A motion was made by D. Duffy to accept the compassionate policy to waive the GenEd, admissions deadline and residency requirements for 8 UG students in Nursing and waive residency and application deadline for 22 master's in education students in American Samoa but the MFS will work with the administration in the future to establish a permanent compassionate policy. The motion was seconded by J. Griswold. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAB (AS) – CAB will meet on 4/2/19 to discuss the proposed Outreach College reorganization. The UHPA letter expressed multiple concerns with the reorganization. The School of Life Sciences proposal will be reviewed when CAB receives the UHPA letter on this subject. 2. CAPP (CS) – No report. Next CAPP 4/2/19 at 9:00 a.m. 3. CFS (DR) – No report. 4. COA (JG) – No report. Next meeting 3/27/19 at 3 pm. 5. COR (DD) - Will meet Wednesday, 3/27/19. 6. CPM (SR) – No report. Next meeting 4/10/19 at 4:00 p.m. in HH 208. 7. CSA (JG) – No Report. Next meeting 2:30 pm on 4/19/19. 8. GEC (CS) - No report. 9. CEE (DR) – No report. 10. UHPA (AS) – UHPA is focusing their efforts on the latest Legislative actions that threatened job security for approximately 121 faculty positions. In their view that the administration and the BOR have been silent on these important issues. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No action was taken. 2. No action was taken. 3. No action was taken. 4. No action was taken. 5. No action was taken. 6. No action was taken. 7. No action was taken. 8. No action was taken. 9. No action was taken. 10. No action was taken.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS	1. None.	
BUSINESS	1. Discuss testimony to BOR + functional statements 2. Discuss Strategic Plan Comments	1. D. Duffy drafted testimony for these two items and asked the SEC to submit input by 3/26 Tuesday for submission on 3/27/19. 2. Deferred to a future meeting.
ADJOURNMENT	The next meeting of the Senate Executive Committee will be on 4/1/19, in Hawaii Hall 208.	Motion to adjourn by D. Ross; seconded D. Duffy. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM

Respectfully submitted by Ann Sakaguchi, Secretary
Approved unanimously on April 1, 2019.