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## MĀNOA FACULTY SENATE MEETING

October 15, 2014

*Architecture Auditorium (ARCH 205)*

3:00 pm –5:00 pm

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### ATTENDANCE

#### Present (55)

ABHARI, Kaveh; BARGERHUFF, Mary; BHATAWADEKAR, Sai; BONTEKOE, Ronald; BOULOS, Daniel; BUTLER, Marguerite; CHESNEY-LIND, Meda; CHIN, David; CONWAY, Thomas; COONEY, Robert; DANIEL, Marcus; DEBARYSHE, Barbara; DOI, Saori; DUNN, Robert; FELIPE, Miguel; FULFORD, Catherine; GLAZER, Brian; HARRIS-MCCOY, Daniel; HONG, Seunghye; HUTCHISON, Elisabeth; HWANG, Hyunjoo; ISKANDER, Magdy; KAWABATA, Wendy; LE SAUX, Olivier; MATTER, Michelle; MAYNARD, Ashley; MCKIMMY, Paul; MINERBI, Luciano; MOCZ, Gabor; OISHI, Martin; OLIVEIRA, Katrina-Ann; PARK, Young-A; POISSON, Guylaine; POTEMRA, James; RAI, Sarita; ROBERTS, Stacey; ROBERTSON, Scott; SAKAGUCHI, Ann; SHIRAMIZU, Bruce; SIMANU-KLUTZ, Manumaua; SORENSEN, Trevor; STEGER, Manfred; STEPHENSON, Carolyn; STEVENS, Duane; TSE, Alice; VARGO, Stephen; VINCENT, Douglas; WATTS, Margit; WELIN, Stephanie; WELLS, Jenny; WERTHEIMER, Andrew; WITHY, Kelley; WOODRUFF, Rosemarie; YUE, Ming-Bao; ZALESKI, Halina

#### Absent (10)

NGUYEN, Hannah; OYAMA, Ian; PARK, Hyoung-June; QURESHI, Kristine; RIGGS, H. Ronald; SANDERS, David; SANTIAGO, Lilia; SZYMCAK, Victoria; TAM, Elizabeth; VALENZUELA, Hector

#### Excused (17)

ANGELO, Michael; ASAHINA, Audrey; CANYON, Deon; DAVIDSON, Elizabeth; ERTEKIN, R. Cengiz; FLYNN, David; GARROD, Peter; GRISWOLD, Jennifer; HARRIGAN, Rosanne; KALLIANPUR, Kalpana; LENZ, Petra; LESA, Faafetai; MANINI, Bonnyjean; SOLIS, Ron; TALLQUIST, Michelle; THOMAS, Florence; WIECZOREK, Ania;

#### Guests (3)

CUTSHAW, Kathy; DASENBROCK, Reed; BLEY-VROMAN, Robert

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## FACULTY SENATE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES



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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bontekoe called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

## 2. PROCEDURAL REMINDERS

Chair Bontekoe reminded all attendees to stand and identify themselves before starting to speak on the issues.

## 3. MINUTES

- September 17, 2014 (Draft) [[DOC](#)] minutes were reviewed and approved by acclamation.

## 4. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Introduction of New MFS Administrative Assistant (Lorna Ramiscal)
- Summary of Recent Progress in Resolving Disagreement Over UHPA-Senate Domains of Responsibility
  - Chair Bontekoe updated us on progress related to the complaint before the HLRB. The agreement coming down from the HLRB indicated that there needs to be a MOU about distribution of responsibilities between UHPA and the Senates of the various UH campuses.
  - In August, 2014, President Lassner requested that the ACCFSC recommend people to serve on a task force to discuss these responsibilities. UHPA indicated that there has been a *de facto* agreement between UHPA and the various Senate constituencies from the various campuses. JN Musto suggested that we just update the 1976 agreement.
  - The document is being updated. Document will be brought to the ACCFSC on Friday, 10/17/14. Bontekoe is hoping agreement will be approved by ACCFSC, by UHPA, and by the UH administration. If not, we may proceed with an agreement between UHPA and the Manoa Faculty Senate so that we can move ahead on some issues.

## 5. GUEST:

### INTERIM CHANCELLOR BLEY-VROMAN

Bontekoe admonished Senators not to tar Dr. Bley-Vroman with what happened during the summer and indicated a vote of thanks for his service.

Dr. Bley-Vroman indicated that this is a challenging time for us. There are budget aspects. The main message he wanted to share is that this is a time for us to move forward and have stability, focusing on the core educational mission and "what we're here to do." He said we have responsibility to the state, our fields, to each other, and the world in a variety of areas and we need to concentrate on those things. Dr. Bley-Vroman served in the MFS in many roles, including as Chair of the MFS. He has given a lot of thought to a number of things, including the roles of faculty and administration and how our campus relates to system and to other campuses. He stressed transparency—not just putting facts out by trying to figure out a way that campus community as a whole can find a way forward. He and VCAFO Cutshaw have been making an effort to make the way we deal with each other much more open. He wants to help



people understand where we are and to listen to each other. Interim Chancellor Bley-Vroman still feels himself very much a faculty member and wants to maintain that sense of connection.

A question from the floor about carryovers indicated that carryover was swept, including carryover of RTRF, and would future carryover be swept? Bley-Vroman said that he thinks sweeping is a bad idea because it discourages prudence. He said we want to avoid across-the-board cuts and also too blunt an instrument.

#### **VCAFO KATHY CUTSHAW (3:25 PM)**

VCAFO Cutshaw presented a summary of the budget. In FY 2009, tuition was 19% of total revenues, while in FY 13, tuition was 28% of total revenues. Auxiliary Services, Private Gifts, and RTRF are all restricted funds. The presentation focused on tuition and general funds. Please see the presentation at the following link:

- [FY2015 Budget Presentation](#)

Some key points: There were two major expense changes. Faculty salary restoration was not restored by the State to the UH budget, so units are handling these expenses. Our utility bill has increased 44% in recent years. We paid \$13M more in FY 12, 13, and 14 than we expected to. Utilities cost \$44M per year at UHM. VCAFO Cutshaw indicated a plan is being developed to make us more energy self-sufficient.

The question from the floor: "How much money did UHM lose as a result of mismanagement?" was not answered in full. Interim Chancellor Bley-Vroman indicated that we lost \$250,000 as a result of the fraud, but that amount pales into insignificance in the light of the \$7M loss. He said, "There is no category in our accounting called mismanagement."

HECO is helping us to analyze our grid to see if we can be saving on utilities. A point was made from the floor that we need some advocacy on the PUC. A Senator asserted that the Campus could improve our electricity costs by engaging the federal delegation in helping us put PV cells on buildings in order to avoid handing cuts down to the department level.

Units are asked to spend only the current-year allocation to slow the rate of descent.

A Senator asserted that we should pursue cutting the \$6M UHM pays to system for certain shared costs. System will be taking on the expense of more of the overhead to house system on our campus.

Manoa brings the lion's share of RTRF into System, which keeps 25% before giving the balance to the campus. Services VPRI gives at system level are mostly Manoa services (e.g., ORS). Some of RTRF should be going to costs of running the campus.

We had an approximately \$30M balance at the end of FY 14.

Who has authority over decisions like problems in individual units? Does the chancellor have the authority to fire any dean or director? Is there a subset of deans or directors the chancellor has authority over? Who is responsible?

The new Budget Committee will meet for the first time on Friday, October 17, 2014. The Interim Chancellor will give the charge to the committee that day with a recommendation due by January.

From the floor: Who is deciding what is the appropriate level of spending in units—across units? Budgets have been historical and we have not ever rebudgeted according to priorities. It's much



easier to discuss rebudgeting in the abstract rather than the concrete. It is difficult to have a campus-wide conversation about the overall budget.

Hiring freeze: How many requests for exceptions have been made and granted? Freeze was lifted the end of August, so all deans have authority to hire within their budgets. All faculty hires must go through the OVCAA, as before. If the unit budget is healthy, the faculty hires are more likely to be approved. And those with healthy budgets can hire staff as they need to. A couple of units are not healthy, and went into the red last year, and these units are not able to hire.

A plea was made for faculty participation in the Budget Committee process.

A request was made for multi-year budgeting.

A request was made for SEC to schedule a session on the Strategic Plan for a future MFS meeting.

A concern was expressed about the composition about the Budget Committee. Committee doesn't proportionally reflect constituents at Manoa. There are four vice chancellors, four deans, four faculty members, and two students.

## 6. BUSINESS

- No new business was raised.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn was made and passed by acclaim. The Senate adjourned at 4:53 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ashley Maynard, Manoa Faculty Senate Secretary.*

*Approved by the Manoa Faculty Senate on November 19, 2014.*