

MANOA FACULTY SENATE

Committee on Student Affairs

Meeting Minutes

3 October 2012

Called to Order: 3:10

Present: James Caron, Cynthia Hew, Patricia Masters (Chair), H. Ronald Riggs, Kelly Roberts, Pavel Zinin

Tom Conway (SEC liaison)

Absent: Kimberley Binstead, Saori Doi, Wei Huang

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Elect chair	Masters agrees to serve	Masters elected
Elect Vice-Chair	No volunteers	deferred
Student athletic fee	Masters provided background from last year. Survey results were overwhelmingly negative. Data from ASUH showed that there was not an increase in student attendance after the fee was instituted, which was an argument for the fee. A budget breakdown was requested from Athletics but never received. Last year's ASUH wanted the Faculty Senate to weigh in on the issue.	The committee felt that it was important to know more about the issue: the key is transparency. Masters will obtain the ASUH survey and will ask again about having a budget statement. Possibly, ASUH may have requested one as part of the agreement to the fee. Masters will also check with GSO for possible input.

Course subject code (i.e. a new alpha for courses taught by specialists on campus)	Masters provided background for this issue as well. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Hernandez suggested this course designation to the OVCAA. Student Affairs would create a curriculum committee for such courses. Question: is this necessary? May reinforce sense of specialists being separated from instructional faculty, the opposite of its intent. Hew noted that CAPP probably decided on this last year.	Conway will try to obtain the CAPP decision. Masters will suggest to OVCSA that a formal proposal is submitted to the SEC.
Graduate Student Bill of Rights	Masters suggested that this issue would be worthy of some investigation by the committee.	Masters will obtain a copy of the proposal.
Faculty Survey questions.	More information is required to decide if there are issues pertinent to the committee.	Masters will look for more background information.
Funding graduate students	This issue is linked to the Strategic Plan, which has a statement advocating fully funding students for 5 years. Conway noted that the SEC objected to the language because it may decrease the numbers of grad students.	The committee agreed to continue to discuss the issue and its ramifications.
Insuring new faculty committees are up to speed on last year's issues	Masters suggested that the SEC institute a protocol to have packets of information for new committees.	Conway agreed to suggest this idea to the SEC.
Next meeting		November 7
Adjourn		3:55

Submitted by: James Caron, secretary