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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019

Bilger Hall, Rm 152

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Present:

APUZEN-ITO, Garrett; **BISBEE**, Michelle; **BOUSQUET**, Lodovic; **BOVARD**, Penny-Bee; **BRANNER**, Mark; **BROWN**, Amy; **CASHMAN**, Kimo; **CHIN**, David; **CLAPP**, Justin; **CONWAY**, Thomas; **COONEY**, Michael; **CROOKES**, Graham; **CSISZAR**, Katalin; **DAVIS**, Katherine; **DENG**, Youping; **DENNISON**, Carolyn; **DUFFY**, David; **ERICSON**, David; **FARRAR**, Christine; **FEUERSTEIN**, Anna; **FOSTER**, James; **FULTON**, Lori; **GOODWIN**, Jeff; **GOSNELL**, William; **GOVELLA**, Kristi; **GRISWOLD**, Jennifer; **GROBBE**, Niels; **HIGA**, Jason; **HUFFMAN**, Brian; **JOHNSON**, Shannon; **KIRS**, Marek; **LENZ**, Cory; **LIND**, Meda; **MARTIN, JR.**, Ernest; **MCKIMMY**, Paul; **MINAS**, Randall; **NGUYEN**, Truc; **OPPEGAARD**, Brett; **PAULL**, Robert; **POTEMRA**, James; **POWELL**, Brian; **ROBERTS**, Stacey; **ROSS**, David; **SAKAGUCHI**, Ann; **SANDERS**, David; **SEIDEL-TALLQUIST**, Michelle; **SENTELL**, Tetine; **SIPES**, Brent; **STEPHENSON**, Carolyn; **SUR**, Jill; **TAYLOR**, Brad; and **ZALESKI**, Halina.

Excused:

CHONG, Vanessa; **FREITAS**, Konia; **HIGGINBOTHAM**, Derrick; **JHA**, Rajesh; **MATTHEUS**, Deborah; **NG-OSORIO**, Jackie; **OHTA**, Aaron; **PARK**, Hyoung-June; **RICHARDSON**, James; **TSAI**, George; **WONG**, Vanessa; **YAN**, Tao; and **ZIEGLER**, Nicole.

Absent:

LINCOLN, Noa; **MIYAMOTO**, Camaron; **POKHREL**, Pallav; and **SEO**, Kwanglim; and **WESTFALL-SENDA**, Mandy.

Guests:

FLAMENT, Pierre; and **PEARSON**, Wendy

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. MINUTES:

- March 13, 2019 Senate (*DRAFT*) Minutes [[DOC](#)]
- Minutes approved by acclamation

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Welcome and updates
- There is no official business for today's meeting, so three speakers will be bringing the Senate up to date on recent developments at the University.
- SR 149- UHPA and the administration met with Senator Kim last Thursday, but Chair Powell did not know the outcome of that meeting.
- UHM is working on its Strategic Plan in conjunction with the upcoming WASC 2021 reaccreditation visit. The preliminary report to WASC outlining UHM's Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation, was sent out last week to the campus for feedback. It is due to WASC May 1, so Chair Powell urged Senators to read the report carefully and submit comments by next week.
- Dan Meisenzahl (UH System communications) has asked for faculty to share stories about students and other things to promote the breadth and depth of the work of UHM faculty members.
- UHPA has sent out surveys on personal e-mail to rate deans and other administrators. Please complete and return the surveys.
- There are four vacancies on SEC for the next term, and Chair Powell urged people to consider running.
- Update on MFS election and SEC election from CFS

James Foster, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Service, gave an update on the recent Senate election. CFS has certified the election, and unofficial results will go out later today. Senator Foster explained that there is a new election platform this year that functioned well. Comments have been offered on how it might be improved, and those are being considered carefully. Turnout for the election was moderate, overall about 30%. Only about half of the constituencies filled all of their seats. The current plan is for the SEC candidacy period to begin on Monday, April 22 and close on May 3. If anyone has further comments to share with CFS, please e-mail Senator Foster.

4. GUEST SPEAKERS:

Kalbert Young, UH System Vice President for Budget and Finance & CFO: 2019 Legislative Session Review and Update

Vice President Young gave a Powerpoint presentation on the 2019 UHM issues of interest with the legislature.



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- Questions and Answers:
- Senator G. Crookes asked about an audit at West Oahu. The university is required provide information to the Federal government related to Title IV. There was information that came late regarding late notification about students who no longer qualified for/required student loan funds. Senator Kim called for a Title III audit at West Oahu.
- Senator D. Ross asked about GSO collective bargaining. Saying that the university is opposed isn't entirely -? opposed to grad students organizing. He asked two questions: 1) Is there any circumstance under which UH administration would support a GSO union and 2) if faculty weren't already organized, would the administration oppose a faculty union? VP Young responded that the position of the university is that the students are students first. He said that a union wouldn't resolve many of the issues /demands students expressed concern about (sexual harassment, etc.).
- Senator J. Potemra said that he'd heard Senator Kim was getting information from UH faculty and asked if VP Young knew where this was coming from. Vice President Young said he knew they came from a variety of constituents.
- Senator M. Cooney asked if the fiscal cuts (especially in research) Senator Kim wanted were approved, where the money would go. VP Young explained that Senator Kim doesn't understand the way UHM operates as a business, and she didn't understand how researchers' salaries were funded. He said that Senator Kim's belief that cutting positions would save money was erroneous.
- Senator T. Sentell asked whether there are champions of UH among any of the legislators. VP Young said his professional assessment is that there are champions for UHM, but most of the support there is for Community Colleges and other campuses. This is probably because it's more localized and relevant to their constituents. For a number of reasons, UH Manoa is not the "public Teddy bear" that the legislators relate to. There has been a recent history of Higher Education chairs in the Legislature not only being unsupportive of UHM, but actually being hostile. In the four years VP Young has been at UHM, there has been marginal progress made in the Leg.
- Senator G. Apuzen-Ito asked whether the Higher Ed Committee's job was to advocate for their area, and whether or not the BOR would advocate for UHM. According to VP Young, for some reason, the recent Higher Ed Chairs have not been advocates for UHM. They have had their own agendas, and they haven't been supportive for UHM. A number of Regents have been vocal at the Leg, but there is a complex dynamic that makes that difficult and prevents it from happening. Some Regents don't want to deal with the Legislature. Regents leadership will change on July 1 and this may change.
- Senator B. Oppengaard asked about the abstractions like "complexities" and "out of our control", but what is the administration doing on a practical basis to help the University. VP Young responded that the administration is encouraging various groups (e.g., faculty, students) to contact their legislators to support the university. It is also trying to use different forms of communication to put a more personal face on the university and emphasize the benefits for the state of Hawaii that come out of UHM.

David Matlin, UHM Director of Athletics: 2019 Update on Athletics at UH

- Director Matlin presented a video about student athletes at UHM. He shared that his takeaway was the ending: "We are more than athletes. We are students." He then presented information on the current state of student

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athlete academic progress at UHM, and the overall athletic accomplishments among the various teams, and the faculty mentoring program with student athletes. The international focus in athletics is currently on Japan.

- Senator G. Apuzen-Ito said it would be a good idea to bring in more information at various athletic events to bring attention to the other facets of the university.
- Senator D. Ross asked about money. The traditional sources for athletic funding are not likely to increase any time soon, but travel costs will increase. What are the future plans? Director Matlin said we're working on trying to get more legislative support. There is a cash shortfall, but that area is improving. More revenue is coming in. We continue to increase fundraising, form partnerships, and seek new models for acquiring funding. Other schools are losing television revenues while we stay flat, which gives us a bit less of a disadvantage.
- Senator J. Potemra asked about former athletes who give back to the school. Can this be an avenue to pursue to help UHM? Director Matalin said this is an area that is being focused upon.
- Senator H. Zaleski asked about the challenges facing student athletes. Director Matlin said that mental health is the major issue, along with time management and finances.

Leonard Gouveia, UH System Office of Research Services Director and FSO: Overview of External Influences and Reporting Requirements due to state-actor attacks on UH

- There has been a broad push to disclose information about foreign support to US universities. Reporting is being enforced consistently now. Things such as cyber attacks need to be reported. A staffer for Export control has just left the university and a new one will come on board shortly. Conflict of interest forms need to be completed in an increasing number of areas, and the Federal Government is strictly enforcing it. A number of departments across the system and university are involved in the compliance process. Financial aid isn't even looked at because it doesn't apply. ORS looks at all extramural funding from other countries. Different offices have different purposes, so the current effort is to coordinate them to provide consistent data to the Feds when they conduct site visits.
- Chair B. Powell asked how these reporting requirements affect individual PIs. Director Gouveia replied that it really doesn't, but that PIs do need to disclose any foreign entity funding. ORS is working on new conflict of interest forms.
- Guest P. Flament asked if the Confucius Center is part of China?
- Senator D. Ross asked if one is asked to give a talk in China funded through the Chinese, not attached to any grant, does that need to be reported? Director Gouveia said anything related to China should be reported under the "better safe than sorry" caveat.
- Chair B. Powell asked if reporting relates to any foreign country. Director Gouveia replied that the university is required to report on any country, but individuals are not (unless it's China).
- Senator J. Potemra asked if people in a supervisory role need to be involved in reporting. Director Gouveia said that if an individual doesn't report information to the supervisor, the supervisor is not responsible, but if they do, the supervisor should call ORS about the procedures.
- Guest P. Flament asked about NASA. Director Gouveia said that ORS screens every agreement, MOU, MOA now and will alert PIs.



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5. BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn by Senator R. Paull , seconded by Senator D. Duffy. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Roberts MFS Secretary
Approved on May 8, 2019