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COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL MATTERS (CPM)

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2016
LOCATION: Hawaii Hall 208
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS*		MEMBERS	GUESTS	TIME
Scott Robertson, Chair	P			
Hector Valenzuela	P			
Reni Soon	P			
Unhee Lim	P			

* CPM currently does not have SEC liaison until the matter is sorted out in the next Senate meeting in January.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm	Chair
Approval of the Minutes and Current Membership	(The draft minutes for November 4 th will be approved via email.) Chair informed that, since both Patricia Masters and Magdy Iskander are on sabbatical leave, we will have new members of the Senate assigned to CPM: Wendy Kawabata of A&H and Camaron Miyamoto of Student Affairs. The decision for the new SEC liaison and additional membership is pending further discussion.	Chair
Chair's Report re: comments on proposed RP 9.214 revision	Chair has not heard from SEC or CAPP regarding their draft comments for CPM to provide 2 nd review on.	Chair
Chair's Report re: Revision of UHM Academic Grievance Procedures	Chair will follow up with the Office of Student Affairs with the Committee's questions.	Chair
Chair's Report and Committee Discussion re: President Lassner's draft Vision Statements	Chair was asked that CPM provide input on the draft "Operating Principles & Driving Aspirations of UH". The Committee discussed these and other aspects that the vision statements: lacked more specific of research; did not address graduate or post-doctoral training at all; should include more emphases on community engagement, foster local scholars, serving indigenous and diverse populations; should provide more monitoring and support for transfer	Chair, All CPM



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	undergrad students into UHM; specify the target increase in undergrad student enrollment; and overall, should set realistic, achievable goals. Chair will summarize these and other comments for members' review and submission to SEC.	
Follow-up on CPM Item from Year 2015-2016	Lim informed the Committee that the COI Committee's Subcommittee in charge of Dr. Carbone's case is drafting a report to VPRI for full COIC to vote via email. COIC also plans to invite UH Foundation President to discuss the apparent pitfalls of anonymous gifts to UHF serving as an undisclosed route for FCOI. CPM will follow up with COIC once the report is finalized and submitted.	All CPM
New Business – Faculty Academic Freedom	CPM discussed the emerging concern regarding a conservative political movement to suppress academic freedom, such as Turning Point USA's Professor Watchlist, recently covered by AAUP and The New York Times. In particular, academicians who advocate issues considered liberal or socialistic (climate changes, evolution, etc.) appear targeted. CPM will discuss ways to preserving and protecting academic freedom at UHM.	All CPM, Chair
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm	Next meeting on Jan. 13 at 3-4pm, with subsequent monthly meetings on every first Friday 3-4pm.

Respectfully submitted by Unhee Lim.

Approved on January 13, 2017 with 4 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.