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## FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2021

*Online via Zoom*

*3:00 PM - 5:00 PM*

### Present:

**AGRUSA**, Jerry; **ANDERSEN**, Lori; **BERSAMIRA**, Cliff; **BIAGIONI**, Edo; **BOVARD**, Penny-Bee; **BROWN**, Shana; **BUSCH**, Gerald; **CENTEIO**, Erin; **CHANG**, Healani; **CHEN**, Hong-Mei; **CHEN**, Roger; **CHOCK**, Charleen; **COATS**, Sloan; **DAVIS**, Katherine; **EICHELBERGER**, Ari; **FARRAH**, Duncan; **FARRAR**, Chris; **FRANCIS**, Oceana; **FUJIMOTO**, Patsy; **GAL**, Roy; **GILLILAND**, Betsy; **GUENTNER**, Erik; **HACKNEY**, Lara; **HUBBARD**, Amy; **KAHAKAUWILA**, Kristiana; **KAME‘ELEIHIWA**, Lilikalā; **KAO**, Peiling; **LAWSON**, Kenneth; **LENTZ**, Rachel; **LENZ**, Cory; **LEONG**, Peter; **MANSHEL**, Hannah; **MATSUDA**, Jon; **MAYNARD**, Ashley; **MEDINA**, Richard; **MERRITT**, Deborah; **MOORE**, Colin; **NI DHONACHA**, Siobhán; **NINCI**, Jennifer; **NUTE**, Kevin; **O’BRIEN**, Maureen; **PAEK**, Seungoh; **PAULL**, Robert; **PETTIT**, Jon; **ROWLAND**, Scott; **RUTTENBERG**, Kathleen; **SAKAGUCHI**, Ann; **SALZER-VITALE**, Ku‘ulei; **SAND**, Shannon; **SCHIFF**, Teresa; **SHARMA**, Shiv; **SINCLAIR**, Gwen; **SIPES**, Brent; **SORENSEN IRVINE**, Christine; **STEPHENSON**, Carolyn; **STOKES**, Alex; **THORNE**, Mark; **THOULAG**, Jean; **URSCHITZ**, Johann; **WANG**; **WERTHEIMER**, Andrew; **YOSHIOKA-MAXWELL**, Amanda.

### Excused:

**BINSTED**, Kim; **HAAG**, Andre; **STIRR**, Anna; **TALLQUIST**, Michelle.

### Absent:

**COONEY**, Michael.

### Guests:

**BEAULE**, Christine; **BRUNO**, Michael; **FRENCH**, Sandy; **GLAUBERMAN**, Gary; **HIGA**, Jason Kenji; **KATAOKA-YAHIRO**, Merle; **LEONG**, Jaret; **LYONS**, Laura; **McKIMMY**, Paul; **MORRIGAN**, Hannah; **PEARSON**, Wendy; **POISSON**, Guylaine; **POTEMRA**, Jim; **RAMIREZ**, Rick; **ROSS**, David; **SAASTAMOINEN**, Sara; **SADOWSKI**, Peter; **QUINTUS**, Seth; **VAN HEUKELEM**, Malia; and **YUAN**, Sara.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Sipes called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

**2. MINUTES** - May 12, 2021 [Senate \(DRAFT\) Minutes](#)

- Chair Sipes asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes. None were raised.
  - Minutes approved and passed unanimously through acclamation.

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Chair Sipes welcomed new and returning Senators.
- Rules for requesting the floor were reviewed.
- Chair Sipes reviewed the activities of the SEC over the summer:
  - The SEC met with the convenors of the General Education Summer Institute.
  - The SEC met with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the General Education Committee and the Director of the General Education Office about the decision to offer only course-based focus designations. The SEC requested that the GEO better explain their rationale for this change on their website.
  - The SEC reviewed a number of Executive Policy Revisions and has referred them to the appropriate committees for action.
  - The SEC met regularly with President Lassner and Provost Bruno.

**4. BUSINESS**

- [\*\*RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DATA SCIENCE\*\*](#)

*Recommendation from the Committee on Academic Planning & Policy (CAPP)*

*Presenter: Ashley Maynard, CAPP Chair*

*Supporting document: [Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Data Science](#)*

- CAPP Committee Chair Ashley Maynard presented the resolution. She noted that she received comment from the Department of Mathematics that they had not been fully consulted on this issue, but that they did not wish to hold up the resolution. CAPP Chair Maynard requested that any future program proposals include a detailed description of the consultation process.
- Chair Sipes called for discussion. No discussion raised.
- **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DATA SCIENCE**



- Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.

- **RESOLUTION OF THE MANOA FACULTY SENATE ON FACULTY GOVERNANCE OF CURRICULUM**

*Recommendation from the Committee on Administration and Budget (CAB) and the Committee on Academic Planning and Policy (CAPP)*

*Presenter: Ashley Maynard, CAPP Chair*

- CAPP Committee Chair Ashley Maynard presented the resolution. She explained that CAPP is bringing forward this proposal because the General Education website does not clearly specify that these revisions will require approval from each campus Senate.
- Chair Sipes called for discussion.
  - Senator Gilliland questioned why this resolution was necessary since all new curricular matters already require MFS approval.
  - Senator Pettit asked why a preemptive resolution was needed at this time.
  - Senator Maynard responded that the MFS should affirm its authority now.
  - Senator Guentner noted that this resolution can serve as a reminder about the procedures that must be followed to make changes to the curriculum.
  - Senator Maynard commented that President Lassner has said that he has considered moving General Education to the UH System. She noted that the UH System does not have students or curriculums. She stated that this is why we need to maintain faculty control over curriculum changes.
  - Senator Wertheimer expressed support for the comments of Senator Maynard and Senator Guentner.
  - Senator Pettit stated that the MFS should manage problems as they arise.
  - Senator Kame‘eleihiwa commented that President Lassner controls the budget and expressed support for the resolution.
  - Christine Beale, Director of the General Education Office, stated that the language on the General Education website was edited by the MFS SEC. She explained that it was always the intention of the General Education Office to bring the changes to each campus Senate. She asked for clarification about what language on the website was cause for concern.
  - Senator Sorensen Irvine made a motion to table the resolution and to resume discussion immediately following the Provost’s presentation.
  - Hearing no objections, Chair Sipes tabled the discussion until after the Provost’s presentation.
  - Chair Sipes reopened discussion following the Provost’s presentation.



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- Senator Maynard stated that the language on the General Education website is unsatisfactory because it does not state that each campus Senate will have approval authority. She commented that it does not explain what will happen if no Senate approves or if only a few Senates approve. Senator Maynard explained why it was important for the MFS to make it clear that the faculty Senates will have approval authority.
- Senator Fujimoto expressed support for the resolution.
- Senator Gal expressed support for the resolution and stated that it will help to educate the Board of Regents about the role of the faculty.
- Chair Sipes called for the vote.
- RESOLUTION OF THE MANOA FACULTY SENATE ON FACULTY GOVERNANCE OF CURRICULUM
  - 49 in support; 3 opposed; 1 abstention.
  - Motion carries
- **Guest Speaker: Provost Michael Bruno (3:24 - 4:01 pm)**
  - Provost Bruno congratulated the faculty on the record level of research grants and robust enrollment.
  - COVID-19 vaccination and testing policies were reviewed.
  - Approximately 56 new faculty hires were authorized.
  - The Provost expressed his unyielding support for faculty tenure and the processes that lead to faculty tenure.
  - The Provost noted that he plans to send a message to the faculty regarding the BOR PIG on tenure.
  - The Provost stated that he intends to submit testimony in support of tenure to the BOR.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business to conduct, Chair Sipes adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Colin Moore, SEC Secretary  
Approved on October 20, 2021