

**Committee on Student Affairs
Manoa Faculty Senate
REPORT
12-15-2015
Presented by Patricia Masters, Chair**

**The members of the Committee for Student Affairs for the 2015-2016
Academic Year are:**

**Sai Bhatawadekar
Robert Conney (SEC Liaison)
Melissa Jones
Christopher Lucas
Pat Masters - Chair
Viet Ngo
Kristen Scholly
Elizabeth Tam – Vice Chair
Mandy Westfall-Senda
Tao Yan
Kelly Zakimi**

Issues Before the Committee for Fall Semester:

- 1. Resolution in Support of More Integral Procedures in the UHM Protocol Regarding Deceased Students:**
 - A. The “resolution” was presented to the Committee by Dr. Susan Schultz, Professor in the English Department, on September 2, 2015.**
 - B. The Committee voted to have the Vice Chancellor for Students, the Director of Housing, the Director of Counseling Services, and the Director of Security come to the October 7th meeting to discuss this issue.**
 - C. The people listed above and Susan Schultz attended the October 7th meeting and presented their perspectives on the Death Protocols and Issues of Communication to the general campus community.**
 - D. After the guests left, the committee felt we needed more information and voted to not send the resolution forward to the Senate at this time.**
 - E. On November 20th, Dr. Schultz went before the SEC to attempt to get that body to present the resolution to the Senate without the Student Affairs Committee approval but the SEC voted to not move the resolution forward.**

- F. As far as the committee is concerned, the issue is no longer active. However, the SEC or Susan, herself, may attempt to bring the resolution to the Senate floor at a future meeting.**

2. OER Initiative – Outreach College:

- A. Sarah Ritter, Librarian who is working with Outreach College gave a short presentation at 9-02 meeting related to the benefits of transparency regarding the cost of textbooks for the students. The project suggests putting the cost of the books for each class on Banner to alert students to the cost.**
- B. At the October 7th meeting, the committee suggested putting a cost-range rather than the exact cost of the textbooks on Banner. It was also suggested that it would be beneficial to conduct a survey among undergraduate and graduates students to see if this service would be something the students would utilize or find useful.**
- C. The Chair contacted Sarah Ritter on October 9th and suggested that she work with ASUH and GSO to conduct this survey before we proceed with a resolution.**
- D. This is where the issue was left. We will await Sarah Ritter's response in the Spring.**

The committee was very engaged this semester even though we only addressed two issues. It felt like a productive semester.