

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
March 11, 2013

1:45 pm
Hawaii Hall 208

Present: Bonnyjean Manini (Chair), Dick Chadwick (Secretary), Tom Conway, Ian Pagano, Carolyn Stephenson
Excused: John Casken, David Ericson
Other: Reed Dasenbrock (VCAA), Kristin Herrick (Senate Staff)

1. CALL TO ORDER 1:55 PM

2. MINUTES - approval of 3/4 SEC Minutes

- MSP with amendments

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Vice Chancellor Cutshaw passed on information that the Chancellor wants to address MFS, to include words about a salary formula in housing policy adjustments (CAB dropped salary criteria.
- Chair hopes Chancellor will summarize his first year addressing the Congress and what we should anticipate going forward.

4. GUEST: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock (2:30 - 3:00)

- Kuali Curriculum Management System - had a meeting last week. People coming in this week to do presentations, and will write a report on migrating from Curriculum Central (a way of doing any course approval electronically instead of current UHM-1 and 2 forms). Would in theory be a paperless system; but current system is adopted by Education and Nursing, but a nightmare for others. Recommendations will probably be evaluated and decisions made by System. Does not replace or relate to Banner.
- Academic Rigor - Chancellor's campus conversations. A term he hasn't used. Best interpretation: students come to get a challenging education, thus a well-designed curriculum improves education. Re students coming in, some feel over their heads, some not sufficiently challenged. Lever statement overstates some conclusions. Can also be shorthand for other things, e.g., professors not teaching well, claims its rigor. Others don't take into account students' "cultural capital" -- meritocracy views reinforcing American society.
- [Seeking Recommendations on Releasing Course Success Rate Data](#)
[VCAA Memo: 3/7/2013] - Needs consultation with faculty. Perhaps could be sent to CAPP next fall, with developers requested to come in. DF, WI, NC are comparable in that students are not completing. Inquiry: But if aggregated you can tell the reason? Correct, but the head of IRO can perhaps indicate that the data can be disaggregated.
- Five times as many staff at System than at Manoa in the Institutional Research Offices, so there is a challenging situation in terms of getting things out on a timely and thorough basis.
- Number one issue to address is that only slightly more than half who walk in the door don't graduate (up 8% to 56%). Further coming in from community colleges yields even lower success rates. Number one issue threatens our accreditation. Controlling for multiple factors we still do relatively poorly. Politics of the situation is that WASC is treating this as its main issue. Six year graduation rate controlling for various variables. See MIRO website peer study for details. Many issues relate to student retention: living on/off campus, differential motivation ("come to surf") and so on.
- Update on Graduate Education - too soon to tell how well the transition is going. Meeting on and off with the Dean of Graduate Studies. Question: will CORGE stay the same, relations to Graduate Council? Many other, lesser issues on the table.
- Dean Transparency - postponed to when John Casken returns. Regarding budget, sharp contrast between what the Chancellor's policy goals are and what Manoa's standard operating procedures. Much budget data is currently on the web. But in terms of priorities and so on. Will push revenue sharing; units generating new revenue should get all of it. Rationale: prevent non-revenue creating

organizations taking tuition money. Money, in short, is being taken from undergraduate education for research support while we are suffering relatively low completion rates. Electricity bills for research labs for instance, are paid by student tuition.

- SPC - comments to the chancellor were heard. See essays: “Undergraduate Education: Cash Cow or Core Competency,” and “How to Survive Strategic Planning.”

5. OLD BUSINESS

- [March 20, 2013 Senate & Congress Meeting Agenda](#) (Draft) [013-14 Manoa-Wide Committee Nominations](#)
 - [Committee on Enrollment Planning](#) - 1
 - [Manoa Experience Workgroup](#) - 1
 - [Strategic Planning Committee](#)
- Decided to hold the Congress first March 20th followed by the MFS since the meeting will be short and the Senate will have numerous items to discuss. Chancellor Apple will be invited to speak summarizing his first year experience and plans for next year.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Confirmation of [2013-14 Senate Election Results](#)
 - [Vacancies](#)
 - ENGR - 1
 - JABSOM - 2
 - NATSCI - 1 (volunteer)
 - ORU - 1
 - SCB - 1
 - SOEST - 2
 - Sabbaticals
 - J. Caron (LLL) (alternate)
 - Resignation (end of Spring 2013)
 - T. Nielsen (SOEST)
- MSP Election results
- MSP Opening all current vacancies to call for volunteers, 2-week (to end of spring break).
- Re J. Caron's sabbatical, MSP Faafatai Lesa, alternate, approved.

7. ADJOURNMENT 3:51 PM

Approved unanimously by the Senate Executive Committee on 3/18/2013.