



University of Hawaii Manoa Faculty Senate Committee on Athletics Fall 2013 Report

Senate Members: Audrey Asahina, Steve Brown (Chair), Williamson Chang, Hyunjoo Hwang (Secretary), Jennifer Matsuda, Jenny Wells, Kelley Withy (COA Athletics Board representative), Halina Zaleski (SEC Liaison)

Non-Senate members: Peter Nicholson (FAR representative); Sandy Matsui, Mandy Westfall-Senda (Both OSA representatives)

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 2pm at Hawaii Hall, Room 208

Issues addressed:

1. Discussion continuing ((from 2012-2013, but just beginning in Nov. 2013) with current Associated Students of University of Hawaii (ASUH) President Richard Mizusawa regarding monies from the Student Activity Fee going to athletes. Plan to meet with ASUH in process.
2. COA reviewing new Board of Regents policy regarding athletics (included in Chapter 7, Student Affairs, Section 7-8), in preparation for Spring 2014 activities, including development of questions for Feb. 19, 2014 visit by Athletic Director Ben Jay to the MFS monthly meeting.
3. Faculty Athletics Representative Peter Nicholson will retire in Dec. 2014. COA discussing succession issues, including desire to review job description to be posted.
4. COA met (11/8) with new Admissions Director, Hung Dang, and Associate Director, Ryan Yamaguchi, to discuss admissions issues in relation to student athletes and to emphasize student athletes are students first (new BOR policy) and admissions criteria should be equitable for all students, including student athletes. Admissions Director Dang encouraged communications with the Admissions office at any time.
5. Discussion about certain departments, eg, Nursing and how student athletes can be both athletes and pursue degree and do both well. Discussion is ongoing.
6. COA reviewing Athletics Dept. mission statement and strategic plan in conjunction with #2 above and for general information and discussion of issues.
7. Need to develop a list of recommendations and procedures for 2014-2015 COA for continuity of the committee work to continue from one year to the next.

Respectfully submitted,
COA