

Manoa Faculty Congress
October 20, 2010

3:00 PM, Architecture Auditorium

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of [February 2010 minutes](#)
- III. Chair's report
- IV. Chancellor's Address to Congress (Guest: Virginia Hinshaw)
- V. Adjournment

Hippensteele opened the meeting and welcomed Chancellor Hinshaw as a guest. Hippensteele announced that the minutes of the Feb 2010 meeting would be approved later in the meeting after the Chancellor's presentation.

Announcements:

The WASC visit is scheduled for this year. All faculty are encouraged to review the report submitted which can be found on the WASC website, a link to which is on the VCAA website.

Hippensteele noted that the update of the UHM Strategic Plan is underway. She noted that a good response was received on the written survey, and that the focus groups had met and provided good input. Writing teams are working on a draft which will be vetted in a campus townhall meeting on Dec 3.

Hippensteele announced that the Senate would like to offer a university budget workshop presented by AAUP members to help the faculty be more effective in governance of resource allocations. A tentative date in early January is being planned if funding for the workshop can be held.

Hippensteele noted that budgeting priorities and other benchmarks to support the new strategic plan would be developed soon, and having a good understanding of budget preparation and management would be helpful in this process.

Hippensteele introduced Hinshaw. The presentation is provided in total at http://www.uhm.hawaii.edu/chancellor/memos/faculty_congress_201010.html.

Hinshaw noted that our budget is balanced due to everyone's belt tightening. The state budget seems to be improving. VCAFO Cutshaw is preparing an updated budget for the WASC report. The Chancellor noted that all of our Regent scholar offers were accepted. She believes we are well on our way to becoming a destination of choice and major research institution.

Hinshaw noted she wanted to move the discussion to investments. A new pilot revenue sharing system will be implemented based on 80% on student credit hours and 20% on the increase in SCH. Data indicated that students are taking more SCH per semester, which might improve completion rates. Since this is a new program, units will be required to invest 60% in non-recurring items and only 40% for hiring or other recurring obligations. She noted that a new tuition schedule had not been approved.

Hinshaw noted that the Manoa Experience has improved, and mentioned improvements in recruitment, particularly from underrepresented groups, application and admission processes, articulation with the UHCCs, systemwide consortia, stronger honors programs, undergraduate research etc. These items are further delineated in the WASC report.

Increasing student applications for PELL grants has helped, and we will continue with that. Efforts to increase the student experience will continue.

Hinshaw also mentioned the need to upgrade facilities. Over \$100m per biennium has been spent on the UHM campus since 2007, which is a significant improvement from the \$30m to \$40m in past years. Student housing has also improved, and the cost of these renovations has come in under budget due to the recession. Residential learning programs now number 12, and are very popular. Renovations to Hemenway and the campus center will also help the campus experience.

37 leaky roofs have been repaired, and we have focused on energy conservation. Our energy usage has decreased by 20% and we continue to pursue 50% by 2015. Renovations/repairs to the Library and a number of other buildings have been done, and more are planned. Renovations of large auditoriums, classroom furnishing and equipment are also planned.

Hinshaw noted that learning environments in open areas, especially around the libraries, is being planned. The UH is planning a \$500m capital campaign, and UHM will be featured as the flagship research institution. Hinshaw noted that UHM should also focus on a unique learning environment.

1. Generating benefits relating to our unique environment. Hawai'i must be a leader in sustainability.
2. Improving wellbeing.
3. Creating educated citizens. Our alumni are our greatest contribution to society.
4. Driving economic development. Research is the key to the future.
5. Connecting globally, particularly with Asia and the Pacific. She noted that the upcoming APEC meeting would involve connections to Asia, past present and future.

She has organized an advisory group of leaders across campus to help provide input. She also noted she is meeting with some retirees this afternoon.

She introduced some videos created to better communicate and stay connected with the community.

One focused on scholarship fundraising. Several others were commercial TV spots focused on recruiting students, highlighting preparation for the future, culture, and innovation/discovery, Native Hawaiian culture and language.

Hinshaw noted that these videos were some of the means that are being taken to promote UHM. She emphasized that all of us are communicators and have a role in promoting UH to the outside.

The Chancellor read a letter from an exchange/WUHE student who has had a positive experience at UHM.

Hinshaw thanked the faculty for our efforts and expressed appreciation to them.

The floor was open for discussion.

Q. The Chancellor has talked about research. It has been rumored that she wants to abolish ORUs on campus, and that the PBRC is just the first.

A. The Chancellor emphasized that we are a research institution and her goal is to meet the AAU criteria to be among the top 62 institutions. She noted that the PBRC was an issue the faculty would be discussing today. She pointed that the new CRCH is being opened, and we have IFA, etc.

The Chancellor also noted that UH was going to participate in the Livermore energy project, only 1 of 3 in the nation, in the sustainable renovation of Kuykendall.

She also noted that UHM was competing in the energy competition and our entry is planned to be brought back to the campus to be showcased at the APEC meeting.

Q. "In addition to research and teaching, please provide your views about service and outreach."

A. The Chancellor noted this was part of her idea of destination of choice. Students not only come in, but we reach out. While we try to highlight activities, the local media do not have a higher ed reporter, so we have to work harder.

Q. The CAB chair noted that they have been discussing the issue of the development and growth of UHWO, and how this might affect UHM. He heard she had been meeting with the other chancellors and asked whether she might elaborate on that.

A. Hinshaw noted that she has met with the Chancellors of both the other 4 year campuses. They have been discussing what each campus will do, and how to avoid duplication. A joint commercial is being produced, and UHM is working with the UHH Pharmacy school.

Q. What are the plans for international?

A. International is very important. A new program has been introduced to try to balance exchanges, since many partner schools want to send more students

here. International is one of our strengths, and this will be highlighted more with the upcoming APEC meeting.

Hippensteele thanked the Chancellor for her remarks, and Hinshaw left the meeting to continue her day, noting she was meeting with a group of retirees.

The minutes of the Feb 2010 minutes were approved as posted.

The Congress meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.