

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2012

1:45 pm
Hawaii Hall 208

GUEST: Interim VC for Research and Graduate Education (3:00 pm - 3:30 pm)

- Kewalo Update – VC Taylor informed us that PBRC and UHARI meetings were held with the Chancellor who said he had no plans for closing PBRC or closing Kewalo. PBRC will do a self-study which will then be reviewed externally. In the meeting with the PBRC, the Chancellor noted that other faculty such as CTHAR were possible “suitors” of PBRC. So there is no guarantee that PBRC will be continued independently. Kewalo will include PBRC but not be limited to PBRC. Noted that the Chancellor and VCRGE Taylor are planning to visit Kewalo and hold a meeting there with PBRC. SOEST as it happens, and all its marine programs, are also undergoing internal and external reviews. Question arose whether the implication is that there may be a general discussion of reorganizing all of these organizations? Possibly. Question arose whether the Innovative Initiative might also be related? Possibly. Question arose whether some marine research might be relocated on the Hilo campus; for instance, aquaculture, fisheries, a piece of CTAHR, might possibly be involved but that would be between Tropical Agriculture and Marine Sciences, unrelated. Off topic, Sea Grant is system wide but administered through SOEST, different from the land grant status. Kewalo lease goes to 2030, land ownership has been transferred to OHA, so possibly a new relationship needs to be developed.
- Ph.D. Funding Issue – Shares concerns about Ph.D. funding. Total UH Foundation endowment about \$200 million, about the size you'd need to raise \$7 million/year, the amount current projections indicate. Implication: you'd need the total UH endowment to fund the program. Further, the amount is the difference between current level of funding and current needs. How are different views to be reconciled? Through negotiation, competition and raising the bar.
- Possible Reorganization of Office of Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education – View on separating VCRGE into VCR and VCAA. Not resisting, though could as VCRGE. Clear that the VCAA wants this to happen, to consolidate all academic lines for reporting responsibilities. Most VC type positions in other universities are in the VCRGE structure; but just because that's typical, it may not be best for Hawaii and Manoa. Current Graduate Chair supports this position. Research services, tech transfer, and so on, not affected.

GUEST: Dean Patricia Cooper, Graduate Division (3:30 - 4:00 pm)

- Graduate Council – SEC Chair expressed concern with filling the business seat with the reorganization of graduate programs in the Shidler School of Business. It was noted that Ph.D.'s stay at the Graduate School, there is no complete separation.
- Graduate Program Reviews - Graduate School International Management Program. All Masters Programs are now under Shidler. The Business School could give the Graduate School reviews. Law, Medical School, and Architecture, operating the same way, operating as professional schools. Other schools not looking at a similar move because their academic standards are very traditional (e.g., Education). Regarding Shidler, regarding EMBA for instance, needs an accrediting body knowledgeable about national standards in business schools, very difficult for the Graduate School which has a different set of academic standards.
- Schools/Colleges Admissions/Records -
- Ph.D. Funding Issue – Strategies for Ph.D. funding were discussed in some depth. It was noted that the goals of improving the quality of Ph.D. applicants and Ph.D. completion rates were considered most important in formulating the proposed policy.
- David – minimum dissertation credit hours, 1 required here, most have 8-16 credits required, which does not represent the amount of time advisers put into the student's education.

- Possible Reorganization of Office of Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education – proposal still in draft form, changing reporting to the VCAA and indirectly to the VCRGE. New point: poor NRC rankings, chiefly due to how we do business, e.g., very few graduate students fully funded, and just about any faculty may sit on committees with no discrimination between regular faculty and affiliate faculty. Need to involve graduate committee members more in graduate education, not relying so much on their graduate chairs. Met with deans thanks to the VCAA.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Faculty Housing Tenant Association (FHTA) via email from Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance, and Operations (VCAFO) Cutshaw, requested a meeting with the SEC to put financial criteria back in as part of prioritizing households for use of faculty housing. Consensus was reached by the SEC to first request information from the FHTA as to whether the FHTA is aware that the Manoa Faculty Senate authorized the Committee on the Budget (CAB) to make a final recommendation to the VCAFO, which they did, after extensive meetings between the CAB and the FHTA; further, the SEC wishes to know whether anything has emerged that was not brought to CAB's attention. CAB was authorized by the Senate to make the final decision. Hence a meeting does not appear to be needed unless there is new information.
- Linda Johnsrud, Acting UH President, sent a memo to the SEC responding to bulleted items in the public meeting.

2. MINUTES – SEC minutes of 10/8, 10/15, and 10/22 were approved after amendments.

3. OLD BUSINESS

• Senate Committees

- SOEST Senator for Senator on sabbatical
(*SOEST constituency e-mailed 10/18; No Nominees*)
- A&H Senator for resigned Senator
(*A&H constituency e-mailed 10/18; Nominee: Ian Belton*) - approved
- ED Senator for resigned Senator – move, seconded and tabled
(*Alternate: Jeannie Lum*)

• Other Committees

- [Strategic Plan Committee](#) representative – CFS requested to recommend
(*All Faculty e-mailed 10/23; 19 Nominees*)
- NatSci Graduate Council representative – CFS requested to recommend
(*NatSci Faculty e-mailed 10/23; 2 Nominees*)
- Major Designation Working Group – postponed to next week
([Manoa Campuswide Committee Volunteers](#))

4. NEW BUSINESS - postponed

- Agenda Items for November 5, 2012: SEC Meeting with VCS
- Follow-up Issues – see agenda for 11/5/12
- SEC Issues – see agenda for 11/5/12

5. ADJOURNMENT 4:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Richard Chadwick, Senate Secretary.

Approved unanimously by Senate Executive Committee on 11/19/2012.