

Draft minutes

Mānoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Monday – Nov 24, 2008; Hawai'i Hall 208

Present: Wakayama, Crookes, Crosby, Hilgers, Ross, Tiles

Absent: Keil (traveling)

3:00 SEC meeting

1) Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

2) Chair's report (mostly on the ACCFSC meeting)

(a) ACCFSC (all campus council faculty senate chairs) There was an update report on the university committee on articulation and also on Ka 'ie 'ie. Numbers are in and around 50. Some community colleges have not heard of this program. Data is accumulating on which students transfer into what from where.

The committee on articulation notes that UH Hilo is doing different things on Gen Ed than any other campuses.

(b) VP Johnsrud reported on the likely 20% cut in G-funds. This translates into about a 4% cut in the overall UHM budget.

Differential cuts within the System will take into account that some units have more external sources of revenue. (This point was reiterated by UH President at BoR meeting.)

VP Johnsrud says she is going to create a document that will refer to or explicate likely cuts and bring it to the SEC and/or Faculty Senate

(c) Neal Milner came to talk about the Ombuds Office. There have been 900 cases in the last few years, only about half of which were undergraduate students

(d) Presidential Search Committee. ACCFSC wanted their basically unanimous position on this to be pointed out to the BoR again (which was done by SEC Chair at the BoR meeting). BoR has apparently decided not to extend the membership of their search committee but will make their meetings open.

(e) PBRC

SEC has been asked by VCRGE concerning faculty approval of the administration plan for "reorganization" of PBRC. Although SEC told VCRGE that we would act on this in a timely fashion, about 60 days, this time period has elapsed but SEC has not received PBRC's response. The Committee on Research has met with and heard from PBRC, but has not reported to SEC. The proposal will also be referred to CAB.

(f) Some Cancer Research Center staff believe that there are regulations promulgated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) which specify procedures concerning the

appointment of an interim director. This may be pertinent to current administrative actions concerning the CRC, but no formal representation on this matter has been made to SEC.

3 Setting agenda for next Faculty Senate meeting

SEC debriefed concerning the recent meeting, considered committee reports, and various other items for the agenda.

4:10 Meeting with the Chancellor

The Chancellor referred positively to her trip to China. She met with many East-West Center alumni, many of whom are in important positions (including in the university sector). Accordingly she would like to solicit a strategic plan from "the international group" that would include China.

SEC and the Chancellor discussed the draft policy on executive hires and established that both sides (administration and faculty senate) are in agreement. Faculty Senate will review the policy and will have an opportunity to express their approval of it. (This will be done by way of a motion; a resolution is not necessary at least because all resolutions end up at the level of the Board of Regents.)

The Chancellor says that she expects to resume the search for a VCAA.

Status of the campus funding taskforce (this will be chaired by VC Kathy Cutshaw). It is believed that the Governor will advocate higher levels of cuts, and UHM must be prepared. The Chancellor has pointed out to relevant authorities that revolving funds, whether for e.g., renovating other dorms, or investing in research infrastructure. Some System financial personnel have never worked in a university before, so it is necessary for her to explain this repeatedly.

UHM has got to step up and be the leader in sustainability and in international initiatives, said the Chancellor.

SEC advised the Chancellor concerning her communication with faculty concerning the A&S reorganization. SEC raised again concerns about how to maintain quality when there is extensive turnover at the administrative level, and emphasized its concern for open decision-making during a period of budgetary constraint (and in general).

The Chancellor is now emphasizing what she calls "the multicultural global experience of Manoa". She feels this is particularly apposite in the current era, and something that can easily be marketed.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 pm.