

Minutes of the Faculty Senate, September 19, 2007

Present: Anna Ah Sam, Chizuko Allen, Mary Ann Antonelli, Helen Baroni, Andrea Bartlett, Kimberley Binstead, Steven Brown, Lonny Carlile, John Casken, Nathan Chang, Bei-Huan Chao, David Chin, Jerome Comcowich, Bryan Cook, Robert Cooney, Linda Cox, Graham Crookes, Martha Crosby, Shirley Daniel, Sandy Davis, John Engel, Sheri Fong, Donna Fukuda, Vernadette Gonzalez, Bill Haning, Patrick Henry, Susan Hppensteele, Curtis Ikehara, Judith Inazu, Jean Johnson, Beverly Kever, Klaus Keil, Carol Kellett, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Peter Leong, Justin Levinson, John Mayer, Matt McGranaghan, Katsuhiko Ota, Aspy Palia, Karol Richardson, Kelly Roberts, David Ross, Ilia Roussev, Magi Sarvimaki, Jane Schoonmaker, Dave Sanders, David Stegenga, Grieg Steward, Nancy Stockert, Mary Tiles, Russel Uyeno, Lei Wakayama, Markus Wessendorf, Elizabeth Wichmann, Roy Wilkens, , Kelley Withy, Tricia Wrightlvica Zalud

Excused: Eric De Carlo, Milton Diamond, Jimmy Efird, Rosanne Harrigan, Richard Manshardt, Paula Morelli, Jonathan Morse, Robert Paull, Stephen Tschudi,

Absent: David Bangert, Meda Chesney-Lind, Ross Christensen, James Cowen, Robert Gibson, Alan Katz, Karl Kim, Spencer Kimura, Marcelo Kobayashi, Jeffrey Kuhn, Chin Lee, Julianne Maeda, Dennis McDougall, Robert McHenry, Marian Melish, Katrina-Ann Oliveira, Barry Raleigh, Todd Reed, Jean Young, Sylvia Yuen

Invited Guests: Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw, Assistant Vice Chancellor Peter Quigley

UHMFS Chair David Chin called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m..

1. Minutes of the May 2, 2007 UHM Faculty Senate Meeting: hearing no requests for corrections or changes, the minutes was adopted.
2. Report on SEC actions and activities during the summer:
 - a. Chair Chin, representing the Faculty Senate, has been asked to join the MET.
 - b. The OVCAA and SEC have spent a considerable amount of time discussing assessment and the upcoming WASC Special Visit. The SEC forwarded report of the Senate Task Force on Assessment and recommended names of Senators to work as part of an assessment team.
 - c. The SEC and the OVCAA have evaluated the process of program reviews as well as the purpose and constitution of the Council on Program Review (COPR). Based on the meetings, the SEC felt that program review teams are the most effective mechanism and that it is not necessary to have COPR perform a secondary evaluation. SEC recommended that program review teams consist of local members in addition to the external reviewers. In addition, the findings/recommendations of the review team should be returned to the program being reviewed.
 - d. Status of the Library: As the Library was not funded by the Legislature during the budget process, the SEC pressed for the Library to be the highest priority item in Manoa's Supplemental Budget Request. The Chancellor has submitted this as a Tier 1 item in the Supplemental Budget Request.
3. Senate priorities for AY 2008:
 - a. Assessment: Participation in the weekend workshop with consultant Mary Allen resulted in the completion of student learning outcomes for the General Education Hallmarks.

- b. Intercollegiate Athletics: Several events that have appeared in the press, namely a Title IX lawsuit filed by the Women's Track Coach against the Athletics Department as well as an expose written by a former UH athlete, have raised concerns about the Athletics Department.
 - c. Retirement/Retention of Faculty: UHPA has conducted a number of surveys of the membership and found that 45% of the respondents plan to leave UH within 5 years. As the numbers do not only reflect the members who plan to retire, but include those who simply plan to leave, there is growing concern that the attrition will devastate many departments and programs across the system.
4. GEC motion for changes in General Education Policy: Jane Schoonmaker, GEC Chair, presented a document governing the actions of the General Education Committee. This document was modified to keep the written policies aligned with current practices. Changes include the process of awarding back credits for Hawaiian and Second Languages courses, the addition of an undergraduate student to the GEC, the removal of the school/college-level waiver option, remove the provision for faculty mentoring, and a clarification that college and major requirements are not under the purview of the GEC.
- J. Engle moved to accept the motion. One Senator opposed the motion. All others were in favor.
5. Address by Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw: The Chancellor expressed her appreciation of shared governance. She is looking forward to starting the Second Century of this University, calling it the second dynamic century of greatness. She would like to see UHM excel in being a destination of choice by faculty, staff, and students, be a leading global resource, be an inclusive community that welcomes diversity, and be an American Association of Universities (AAU) quality institution (top 60 in the nation). Her priorities for this campus are:
- a. The repair and maintenance of our facilities
 - b. Be competitive globally
 - c. Recruit and retain first-time freshmen and transfer students
 - d. Graduate our undergraduate students at a higher rate
 - e. Implement our academic priorities
 - f. Organize ourselves academically
 - g. Be a fully accredited institution

The most important action items are to create a successful School of Hawaiian Knowledge, secure a sound Medical School by hiring a new Dean of JABSOM and hire a VCAA. Dr. Hinshaw stated that success would come through coordination and communication. She has initiated the improved UHM website and will develop Chancellor's Updates.

6. Call for Feedback on the Draft Policy on Classified & Proprietary Research: Roy Wilkens, Chair of the Committee on Research, reported on the wiki site that was developed after the May 2007 meeting to invite Senators to submit their comments on the draft policy. The URL for the site is <http://cp-research-policy.wikispaces.com/>
7. SEC resolution on Open Records: The Chair shared the concerns of the SEC about the Supplemental Budget presentation that took place at the August 2007 Board of Regents meeting. As the discussion began, the presentation referred to tables that were not made available to those in attendance. Based on the concerns about the availability of information, the SEC drafted a resolution to reinforce the open records. Senator Bev Keever (Journalism), proposed an amendment to the original resolution in order to refer this concern

to the Sunshine Law as drafted below.

Whereas BOR meetings are subject to the State of Hawaii sunshine law

Whereas even at informational meetings, opportunity for comment is provided

Whereas no comments can be made on an item to be discussed if the public is denied access to the item

Therefore the faculty of the University of Hawaii at Manoa request that the Regents respect not merely the letter but also the spirit of the sunshine law and make available documents necessary to be able to understand and offer comment on items to be discussed in public meetings.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

8. New Business: No new items were raised for discussion.
9. WASC special visit: Assistant VCAA Peter Quigley made a presentation about the special visit that is scheduled for October 2007. He explained that a special visit occurs because of "identified issues of concern." The largest concerns for Manoa are outstanding issues from 1999:
 - 1) Leadership and governance. Specifically, Manoa's relationship to the UH System. In the System reorganization, the delegation and devolution have been key turning points for this campus. As well, the movement to staff the reorganization has been important steps toward autonomy.
 - 2) Financial planning and management. The President has established a clear process of stocktaking by the UH campuses. The Manoa Budget Advisory Group, formed in 2003, forwarded recommendations about the budgeting process. The recommendations are currently being implemented.
 - 3) Educational effectiveness. Assessment is the largest outstanding issue. The completion of the General Education student learning outcomes is a big step toward our addressing this issue. In addition, the departments and programs have submitted their program reviews and we are currently at a 90% compliance rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.

Respectfully submitted,
Lei Wakayama