

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes

MEETING DATE April 14, 2025
MEETING TIME 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
LOCATION Hawaii Hall 208

Members

Name	Role	Attendance
Edo Biagioni	Chair	Present
Marguerite Butler	Member	Present
Camaron Miyamoto	Member	Excused
Sarita Rai	SEC Sec.	Present
Brian Richardson	MFS Sec.	Present, arrived at 1:33 pm
Ann Sakaguchi	Vice Chair	Present
Carolyn Stephenson	Member	Present
John Kinder	Staff	Present

Guests

Name	Role	Time
Amy Hubbard	Interim Asst Vice Provost, Student Academic Success	3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Subject	Discussion/Information	Action / Strategy / Responsible Person
Call to Order	<p>The meeting was called to order.</p> <p><i>Senate, Congress and SEC meetings are conducted in a spirit of aloha, i.e., a brief reminder that all exchanges in the respective meeting reflect this abiding spirit of goodwill, defined by harmony, humility, and patience, as we work together, holding the well being of students at the heart of our focus.</i></p>	<p>The meeting was called to order by Chair Biagioni at 1:30 PM.</p>
Review of Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 3/31 draft minutes of the Senate Executive Committee. 2. The 4/7 draft minutes of the Senate Executive Committee. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes were approved as corrected. 2. Minutes were approved as corrected. <p>Motion: M. Butler made a motion to not record the identity of the person asking questions in the minutes and that we resume the past practice of no identification. Seconded by S. Rai. Vote: 3 No and 3 Yes Vote resulted in a tie.</p>
Chair's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UHM CampusTown Community Outreach Workshop - Workshop flyer 2. Report on the ACCFSC meeting of 4/11. Regent Tochiki spoke about collaboration between the BoR and other universities, including her own attendance at the conference of the Association of Governing Boards. <p>VPAS D. Halbert talked about 1. the legislative update, including about Hawaii Promise not being funded. 2. the president's advisor will be in charge of strategic planning for the system. 3. UH has an interest in providing a</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For information only. 2. For information only.

<p>"consistent standard of care" for students across campuses, including ensuring student success and providing students with access to technology.</p> <p>Michelle Tallquist on the presidential advisory committee wrote a report. The report was followed by discussion about threats to non-citizens and the university more broadly. So far, 3 UH students have had their visas revoked, which may be a smaller proportion than many other universities. Some East-West Center students have also lost their funding.</p> <p>Brad Taylor and Ashley Maynard presented the resolution on General Education revisions. The community college team has at least one proposal that resembles the UHM General Education proposal.</p> <p>3. The Provost's Council Meeting on 4/28 has been canceled.</p> <p>4. The Executive Search Committee coordinator (L. Voong) asked if the SEC had an alternate for the VPRS SAC and if one could be solicited now to avoid waiting later. Reminder to SEC that the Provost determines the members of SAC.</p> <p>5. Resolution on BA in linguistics for 4/16/25 Senate meeting was withdrawn by the chair of CAPP. Plans to resubmit for 5/14/25 Senate meeting.</p> <p>6. The UH President's office announced hiring restrictions, limitations on travel to essential trips only, and reviews of consulting and professional services contracts.</p> <p>7. A new vote is being taken on fee increases at the UHM Children's Center. This vote has 3 options: a. no fee increase, b. 5% fee increase for non-students for AY 25-26, and c. 28.75% fee increase for non-students for each of AY 25-26 and AY 26-27. Vote to conclude by April 15th.</p>	<p>3. For information only.</p> <p>4. M.Butler will reach out to CFS.</p> <p>5. For information only.</p> <p>6. For information only.</p> <p>7. For information only.</p>
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Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SEC volunteer requested to assist in verifying the quorum count of 31 senators for the 4/16 MFS meeting. 2. Proposal on undergraduate double-count policy: request for comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Double Count Policy for UG proposal for comment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A. Sakaguchi volunteered. 2. Policy referred to CAPP and requested CAPP to discuss with M. Stitt-Bergh.
Guest(s)	<p>Amy Hubbard iAVP Student Academic Success (3:00 pm - 3:50 pm) Discussion on the draft proposal to abolish the Academic Grievance Committee (AGC)</p> <p>Amy Hubbard indicated that she did research and discovered that the Academic Grievance Committee has a very narrow focus, which is when students wish to file a grade grievance on the grade that they received from a faculty member.</p> <p>Currently, AGC is within the Office of Student Conduct which is not a good fit. Student Conduct deals with student conduct and the AGC is about the grades and oftentimes about the conduct of the faculty. The Academic Grievance procedure is only about grade change. The committee does not address free speech nor does it change the syllabus. A majority of the grade grievance is linked to faculty conduct/behavior.</p> <p>The goal of the proposal is to ensure that curriculum/faculty/grade disputes should be addressed at the College Dean's level and not externally within the Office of the VP for Student Success.</p> <p>Future Guests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite iVPSS Kapā Oliviera to discuss the structure of the Campus Fee Committee on May 5, 2025 . 2. Schedule Laura Lyons on April 28 to discuss 1) the Gen Ed MOU; 2) how may we reinforce academic excellence - more specifically - the role and authorities of the chair, for example who appoints the graduate chair and 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. action taken. 2. J. Kinder to send her an invite.

	<p>associate chair; 3) what are the powers of the chair what carrots/sticks do they have to promote academic excellence?; 4) Chair vs Dean authority; how can departments and units exercise entrepreneurship in pursuit of academic excellence? 5) Increasing problems with student work deficiency; (assignments, work etc. cultural of learning, presence in class, understanding materials and not doing work they have been assigned; changing expectation of academics, the need to institute a culture of learning);</p>	
MFS Committee Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAB (SR) – Will meet on April 15, 2025 2. CAPP (CS) – CAPP Chair withdrew resolution on BA in Linguistics from 4/16 Senate. No CAPP vote had been requested. 3. CFS (MB) – Next Meeting April 28th. 4. COA (BR) – Next meeting May 1st. 5. COR (CS) – Next meeting TBD. Liaison and SEC chair have written to COR chair to ask about scheduling meeting. 6. CPM (CM) – Next meeting is May 5, 2025. 7. CSA (CM) – Next meeting is May 6, 2025. 8. GEC (MB) – Next meeting is April 16. 9. CEE (AS) - CEE meeting was held on 4/11. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information only. 2. Information only. 3. Information only. 4. SEC Chair E. Biagioni will send a request for a survey regarding the Athletics Director to the Congress with the help of J.Kinder 5. SEC Chair E. Biagioni will reach out to Jason Higa (VC) and C. Stephenson will reach out to the Chair for a response regarding the consultation on vertebrate animals policy. 6. Information only. 7. Information only. 8. Information only. 9. Information only.

	Approximately 200 assessment reviews have been completed and ranked as Hōpoe (full bloom), Mohala (bloom), and Opu'u (bud). Departments ranked at the Hōpoe level will receive special recognition letters. The next meeting is on 4/25.	
Other Reports	<p>1. Pilina Support Team (BR) – Meeting was held on April 10, 2025. Debrief on “From Fear to Empowerment: A Student-Focused Conversation on Speech, Law, and Pilina” event, which included C. Miyamoto. Discussed follow-up events, likely in the Fall. Next Meeting Thursday, May 8, 2025.</p> <p>2. Grad Council (CS) – Next meeting is April 15.</p>	<p>1. Information only.</p> <p>2. Information only.</p>
Unfinished Business	1. Nomination for Dean of Shidler SAC (Due Apr 14th):	1. M. Butler moved to approve Senator D. Port as SEC nominee for the Dean of Shidler SAC. Seconded by S. Rai. Approved by unanimous consent.
Business	1. Letter circulating in support of Protection of Noncitizen Faculty, Staff, and Students Vulnerable to Retaliation for Political Speech	M. Butler to reach out to Senator D. Saranillio and ask him whether he wanted to mention the letter in support of the resolution to be presented at the MFS meeting on April 16 by CPM.
New Business	1. Parliamentary service comments to Provost Bruno for next year.	1. B. Richardson, moved to request in writing that Provost Bruno continue to fund the parliamentarian for next year. Seconded by M. Butler. Vote: 3 yes and 1 oppose. Motion passed.
Adjournment	The next regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee will be convened on Monday, April 21, 2025, via Zoom.	Meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sarita Rai, SEC Secretary.

Approved unanimously on April 21, 2025.