

SEC Meeting 10 March 2008

Present: David, Mary, Linda, Graham, Lei

2:30 pm Meeting with VC Ostrander

1. There was discussion of dossier streamlining and clarification that the idea is to simplify the process making sure that it is easy to enter on line in and that candidates are clear on what materials are and are not relevant. There should also be guidelines for length.
2. There followed discussion of his vision of the relationship between VCAA and VCR offices. He reiterated his view that there needed to be permeability between that domains of the various VC's and that all decisions should be made against the background of the academic strategic plan for the campus. In this vein he sees a need to pull graduate and undergraduate education together, but not necessarily to move graduate education to report to VCAA. In the immediate future we have to make decisions on how to use the repair and maintenance money that may be coming our way, on how to deal with the fact that we will be losing significant numbers of faculty and with increased student expectation in the light of increased tuition. Which is why we need to revisit the strategic plan immediately, prioritize it, budget it and say how we are going to implement.
3. VC Ostrander wanted the SEC to be aware that federal compliance requirements on funded research are going to become more onerous. In the past most of the issues have been within the hard sciences and restrictions on access of foreign nationals has not been seen as much of an academic freedom issue. New regulations on dual use technologies that could conceivably play weapons role are likely to impact areas well beyond the hard sciences, even activities such as reviewing for international journals. Faculty need to understand that UH does not control these regulations but is required to implement them.
4. Concerning ORS: -Ya-Yin Fong has been improving things and VP for Research, Jim Gaines, put system RTRF into the operation. Since many of ORS's problems were resource problems VC Ostrander is worried that system will transfer the operation to Manoa without the funding. (\$1.1m) This is especially a concern because overall RTRF is likely to go down in the next few years.

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5. Noel Kent, Chair of the A&S Senate Executive Committee, attended to present a document stating A&S's position on how to proceed with discussions on the future structure of A&S. SEC suggested that this document should go to the full A&S Senate for endorsement. This could be done electronically or by calling an actual meeting. With this support it would likely also be endorsed by UHM Faculty Senate. Without the endorsement the matter would be being considered by many faculty who are not in A&S and who may not have been paying too much attention to the issue.

6. Minutes of 3 March were approved and those of 25 February were approved with amendment of the phrasing of the referral of the assessment selection committee nominations to CFS.

7. Further discussion of the situation as regards International Education. It seems that the outside consultant's report does imply that the Assistant VC position description requires it to be faculty position. SEC resolved to forward CAB's memo to the chancellor with a cover-letter, the content of which would be finalized over e-mail. The transmittal to the chancellor should be both hard copy and e-mail.

8. Liaison report:

CAPP met with Assistant VC Cambra and Tom Brislin, Chair of ACM (Academy for Creative Media), about the ACM BA proposal. CAPP had questions about the tenurability of faculty in the program. They also questioned the degree type; why a BA rather than BFA, when it is a creative degree? CAPP will write up another set of concerns and may refer the matter of courses being taught by and APT to CPM.

9. SEC had received a request to testify on the bill before the legislature that attempts to block all research on genetically modified taro (whether Chinese or not). Since SEC did not think that it could, without a vote of the senate, speak for the faculty on this matter, they decided it was more appropriately handled by those in CITAHR and members of UHARI.

10. SEC, on the basis of its interview with Gary Ostrander, voted to endorse his candidacy for the VCCA position.

11. Regarding the addition (Item 18) to UHM-1 and UHM-2 forms requiring all courses submitted to address learning outcomes: we should announce that, as agreed with Peter Quigley, this is not currently being enforced although faculty are not discouraged from complying.

4:00 pm -- with Chancellor Hinshaw

12. Regarding the situation we found ourselves in with the VCAA search, the Chancellor reported that UC Davis had had the same problem in filling her position. They had responded by suspending the search and making an internal appointment. She noted that she would be acting within her authority to simply appoint VC Ostrander to the VCAA position. But she preferred to have feedback from the campus community.

13. SEC raised the issue of lack of consultation over appointment to the Assistant VC for International Education. The Chancellor made it clear that this was not her way of doing things. It happened very quickly and she had apologized to those affected. Normally she would consult about how to do it.

14. Biennium budget planning might be short this year since the focus is to be on renewal, replacement and renovation. Each campus gets only 3 program change requests

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and these must be based on the System Strategic plan (total \$10m for all program change requests across the system). She noted that few athletics programs are self-sustaining and we need to work on a sustainable financial model for athletics at UHM.

15. SEC raised the issue that the FAR (Faculty Athletics Representative) is under the impression that he is bound by an agreement with the previous chancellor not to allow his report to go beyond the Senate's Committee on Athletics. SEC believes it should be distributed to the whole Senate. The Chancellor said that she would look into it. Her comment was that the data all on which the FAR's report was based were all old, whereas the faculty need to get as current an idea as possible.

16. The Chancellor reported that the Manoa website is being revamped, that Kamehameha Schools will be tearing down the Varsity and UHM is continuing talks with them about cooperation over future development in that area. We are getting somewhere with repair and maintenance and for Homecoming on October 11 she is trying to plan activities that will bring people from the community onto campus to help out..

5:00 pm SEC meeting resumed

17. It was decided that there was not need for a meeting with VCAA Johnsrud.

18. Agenda for the Senate Meeting on Wednesday 19 March

Results of CAB faculty survey regarding budget priorities

CPM – resolution regarding tenure process

Report on the status of the senate election

VCAA search update

International education CAB (?).

Sustainability updates on curriculum, Kuleana program and Climate Change Commission

19. For next week SEC meeting – review UHPA collective bargaining proposals. Mary to get the document to Charlotte for copying.

20. There is a need to clarify with the Chancellor what needs to be done before she will sign the Senate charter.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tiles