

Draft minutes

Mānoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Monday – Sept 29, 2008; Hawaiili Hall 208

Present: Wakayama, Crookes, Hilgers, Ross, Keil, Tiles, Crosby
(secty Mitsutani)

3:00 SEC meeting

1) Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

2) Discussion of Faculty Senate (Sept 17) minutes.

3. Chair's Report

(a) CAPP has now been fully populated.

(b) There is a Task Force on “formula funding” of the UH System that reports to UH President McClain on budgetary problems, chaired by Senator Norman Sakamoto (Chair of Senate Committee on Education), ViceChair John Morton, VicePresident for Community Colleges, total members: Rose Tseng, Chancellor, UHH, Gene Awakuni, UHWO, and Virginia Hinshaw, UHM.

SEC discussed the topic that this committee is supposed to address, and associated implications.

(c) Ostrander response to SEC's letter expressing concern about URC changes. This again suggests the continuing importance of requesting concrete written proposals from administrators shortly after they present informal oral accounts of possible actions they might take.

3. Agenda for October 15, 2008 Faculty Congress

SEC discussed agenda items for the faculty congress.

4. Agenda for October 15, 2008 Faculty Senate

SEC discussed agenda items for the faculty senate, including matters related to the UH presidential search. Resolutions must be posted by the Monday prior to Senate meetings.

5. Agenda items for VCAA standing appointment with SEC, October 6th

Apparently all matters relating to WASC have been turned over to VCAA program officer Myrtle Yamada.

SEC discussed continuing aspects of the TIM proposal. SEC has drafted a memo to the VCAA expressing concerns over the lack of consultation with Faculty Senate in a spirit of shared governance. SEC also thinks the lack of consultation is not equivalent to correct internal review for anything like what WASC calls “substantive program changes”.

5. Letter to SEC Chair Keil from Prof. Susan Hippensteele (Women's Studies Program).

SEC reviewed aspects of policy concerning likely future Faculty Senate guidance concerning faculty participation in administration. Keil will draft a response to Prof. Hippensteele.

6. GEC topics

The matter of how specific the criteria for accepting or rejecting courses as part of GEC requirements should be was considered. The Preamble formatted by the GEC that was forwarded to the SEC in April and was presented to the Faculty Senate as how we do assessment of the Gen Ed program may be relevant. (See letter of July 29th from Tom Hilgers, circulated to the SEC.) Explanatory notes have been developed by each committee to assist new members with decisions to be made concerning how courses should be evaluated, and perhaps they should be ratified by the SEC. These are on the GEC web site, so they are fairly accessible, though this was a point of slight disagreement. There was also a question of at what level SEC might be concerned with this. Ross and Hilgers will consult and circulate details and examples prior to any subsequent SEC meeting at which some attempt would be made to decide this matter.

Transfer articulation of credit/no credit courses run at community colleges. These cannot be used to satisfy UHM requirements. SEC felt that no additional specification of this point was needed.

7. Old report on an organized research center.

VCRGE promised previous SEC a report that has not yet surfaced; Ross will ask him for it.

8. Tiles & Ross will draft a memo to be sent to Pat Cooper and Brian Taylor of SOEST concerning A&S core requirements and SOEST's concerns with them, suggesting that this matter is not really an SEC concern. [modify this language in final draft of minutes if this is not quite correct]. The need to be clear about whether communication with SEC members constitutes a formal proposal to SEC was emphasized.