

Senate Executive Committee

December 5

Kewalo Marine Laboratory

GUESTS

- ⤴ Mark Martindale, Director of Kewalo (3:15 pm)
- ⤴ Alan Friedlander, Marine Fisheries (4:00 pm)
- ⤴ Marguerite Butler (Zoology)

Meeting opened at Kewalo Marine Laboratory, 2:55 p.m.

Present: Richard Chadwick, Robert Cooney (Chair), Bonnyjean Manini, Ian Pagano, Carolyn Stephenson; Kristin Herrick

Kewalo Marine Laboratory Review

- ⤴ Martindale's review: Kewalo's research, teaching, funding, all fully function. Gary Ostrander has made his decision to close the facility, intending at first to use the land for parking space. His plan could have been reevaluated but has not been. Frustrated and disgusted with the decision given the strength of the program, a program which has not received full recognition. Ostrander has said there would be no loss of jobs. Finest seawater in the world growing coral in our tanks; can't grow coral anywhere else. The only urban marine laboratory in the world, hence not physically and intellectually isolated. We have argued that the state and university should capitalize on our features, not close us down. It is not clear to us why we are targeted for demolition. Piping alone is worth over two million dollars—all to be demolished. And since quality of seawater deteriorate rapidly with distance, moving us inland would reduce effectiveness. Looking to the future, we'd like to build a new facility, from current 12,000 sq. ft. to roughly double, including teaching facilities which we cannot now do. Right now, we don't have any backing. Won't let us even rehire for building and maintenance. Have had a lab here closed since 2006, can't use because we can't submit grants that go past 2012. Very hard to get post-doc's and research funds under these circumstances. Being starved gradually by the administration. We have a visiting scholar program and have the space, but again, funding by research grants is denied.
- ⤴ Discussion: situation seems appalling. Medical School, Cancer Center, do *not* need to be near the ocean. Should be close to hospitals. Originally, Kewalo Marine Laboratory was to be part of the Medical School, but the State ran out of money. At it's peak the laboratory had five full faculty, two of who left for Wisconsin. Could be as many as 10 with collaboration in toxicology at the Medical School. Have not approached the Medical School for teaching collaboration. Possibility exists to have “wet labs” by the sea, about 20 students at a time; again, no willingness to take advantage of opportunities, again, possibility of partnering with NOAA. Any relation with Marine Fisheries? No. They've had strong influence in biology and zoology; no negative problems, so it's a mystery why administration is trying to break up their relations.
- ⤴ Chancellor Englert's time: a new Waikiki Aquarium was planned for this spot in Kewalo and which would put the current lab at the center—but again, funding was a problem. The Aquarium today borrows space from the lab because they do not have any research facility at all, and they don't want to be forced into a business model like so many other parts of the

university.

- ⤴ Kewalo was originally just a landfill no one wanted, now extremely valuable (see the Kewalo website, kewalo.hawaii.edu). \$400,000 promised by Ostrander for maintenance; only \$100,000 given.

Friedlander's observations, joined by Marguerite who circulated "Timeline of Hawaii Cooperative Fisher Research Unit Removal from Manoa":

- ⤴ Cooperative Fishery Research Unit Program currently disbanded. "Full rights and privileges" part of the agreement; violated. Still functioning with 3 PhD students and cooperative relations. Friedlander still employed (Federal employee). Two of the three units unrelated. Reinstated his position. A complaint was precipitated and that individual has since resigned. No discussion with any of the Unit staff or faculty. A proposal to reestablish the Unit has not been responded to.
- ⤴ Hilo has a good aquaculture program but no PhD program. USGS had concerns about whether Hilo has the facilities to support the Unit; it does not, and comparable units across the country do not do well without a PhD program. State of Hawaii used to contribute \$20,000/year, but hasn't for the last three years. The Unit has brought in over a million dollars in grants in the last few years, with a 15% overhead. A previous faculty brought in over a million dollars over the last eight years. Ability to function with State agencies, USGS, would be hampered significantly. USGS emphatic about not supporting the Hilo location.
- ⤴ Noted: President Greenwood indicated to the SEC earlier that moving the Unit to Hilo may bring in even more funds; but this seems to be optimism not detailed information. Congressional approval also would be needed to move the Unit across counties.
- ⤴ Noted: splitting the Unit across two campuses would be difficult to make cost effective, but the effort to develop a two-campus Unit should not be to the detriment to the Unit, which in turn implies University and State additional funding to build up the Hilo facility.
- ⤴ In sum: we have not heard a good argument for moving the Unit to Hilo and much to not recommend it. The resolution being submitted Wednesday reflects this situation. As faculty all we can state is that this is important to Manoa, and if the University is going to move the Unit they will be held responsible for it. The President apologized profusely for not bringing Biology into the decision, yet no further action was taken. And although the Unit Agreement was suspended, staff salary and Dean Ditto has provided interim support to keep the Unit's activities going.
- ⤴ Evidence suggests that the administration may not have provided adequate support to the unit, though the new Dean supports Marine Biology and has provided several new positions.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- ⤴ Agenda filling up pretty well for Wednesday's meeting.
- ⤴ Some wordsmithing needed to include Social Sciences, not just Humanities, in the Chancellor search committee. An SEC member notes that clearly the committee is dominated by astronomy and health sciences, and generally graduate education and research. Question arose whether the committee has sufficient representation of undergraduate education; about six of 23 members appear to have current undergraduate teaching activity. It may be useful to raise these issues to add more members to the committee. The SEC's memo regarding these issues was not

incorporated into the Chancellor's search committee charge.

- ⤴ Questions about the balance of the committee may in part surface because many of our colleagues did not step up and offer themselves for membership in the committee. It was noted that while there were a group of qualified faculty who offered their services, they were not a particularly balanced selection from the various colleges, undergraduate vs. graduate teaching, and research vs. teaching vs. service. And while the President offered to be mindful of balance for a good cross section of university life, she may have been limited by those available to serve. If the President had perceived the problem of balance, the SEC would have expected a request for more names from under-represented constituencies.
- ⤴ SEC offered suggestions to the resolution provided by CSA and Chair Cooney will relay these suggestions to Ken Kipnis.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- ⤴ I-Clickers: [Quote](#) \$3,586 total with taxes/ fees for 100 I-clicker 2 (includes free instructors kit - base station + two I-clicker 2 instructor remotes)
 - ⤴ *MSP to purchase I-clickers contingent on parliamentary acceptability. 4:1.*
- ⤴ Scheduling: UHPA standing meetings; SEC and Committee Chairs Retreat
 - ⤴ Athletic Director: The Athletic Director has been invited to address the Senate at its February meeting. The football coach resigned for \$600,000 severance. COA may introduce 4 motions at the February Senate meeting.
 - ⤴ Strategic Planning: The Senate's faculty strategic planning representatives have been invited to provide an update to the SEC at a meeting in January.
 - ⤴ Joint UHPA/SEC Meeting: Develop a joint committee with Adrian and J.N. Musto – volunteers for said committee: Bonnyjean, Robert, backup Ian and Carolyn
- ⤴ Newsletter: The attachment has been removed from the report form to prevent spam. The SEC approved the due date for submission of reports as January 7th. The newsletter will comprise a summary of comments from the Reports.

MINUTES - approval of 11/21 & 11/28 Minutes – *MSP with minor amendment to 11/21 minutes. 11/28 minutes tabled.*

OLD BUSINESS

- ⤴ [Draft December Senate Agenda](#) (use of "Humanities" in CSA's Resolution on the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee - *Sandy Davis*)

NEW BUSINESS

- ⤴ Request to move discussion of Minutes to online forum
- ⤴ VCAA Request: [WASC Plans and Reports due March 1, 2012](#) - tabled
 - ⤴ WASC event & representatives (funding may be available) - tabled
 - ⤴ Follow-up: Working Groups: status of high failure courses and institutional learning objectives
- ⤴ Mandatory switch to Google by Spring 2012. Not our issue, it was the previous administration. Past motion from MFS condemned the move. Contract already signed. No one has brought forth a particular problem.
- ⤴ Library Senate Referral: [Poll on Postponement of Reorganization Proposal for Library Services](#) – reviewed by Kristin; decided to go forward 56% to 43%. No reorganization proposal has come forward so not needed to deal with.

- ⤴ Graduation/ Dissertation Defense Timing (Carolyn) – tabled for a future meeting.
- ⤴ Faculty Housing (Bonnyjean) – both SEC and CAB has this as an issue; Bonnyjean spoke with a tenant association board, Garrett Ito, a SOEST faculty, well informed about facilities services and executive policies. There is no “head” of the tenant association board. Future: set up a joint meeting. What is faculty policy and what is BOR policy, e.g., only for Manoa faculty or all system faculty. CTAHR suggested building on an empty lot rather than tearing down a building CTAHR has invest it. Also, UHM faculty work all over (JABSOM, e.g). A number of sites were being looked at; yet at CTAHR they were told there was only one location being looked at.
- ⤴ Joint meeting: schedule one for February, at regularly scheduled time. Identify open slots; send schedules to Kristin.

ADJOURNMENT 5:40 pm