

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Agenda: May 7

2:30 - 5:00 pm; Hawaii Hall 208 – began 2:50 PM

In attendance: Robert Cooney, Tom Conway, Ian Pagano, Carolyn Stephenson, Bonnyjean Manini and Dick Chadwick

GUEST: VCS Hernandez (4:00 - 4:30 pm)

- ⤴ Progress re student enrollment – deadline passed for applications; more applications submitted than last year, compared with west coast enrollments in general. Increase in admitted students greater than the number applying, indicating that more applications from more qualified students occurred. Now awaiting acceptance responses. So far it appears we will have the same or more coming in the Fall. Many more have said yes this year than at this time last year; acceptance rate being monitored daily. Variables affecting rate of arrivals include competition from other schools, payment schedules and so on. Retention: about 100 more than last year at this time.
- ⤴ Progress re housing: Gateway House painting nearly finished. With Johnson Hall completion we'll have about 210 more beds available than last year to house students.
- ⤴ Progress on going paperless. The “one card” system is currently tied up in administrative problems (“one card” refers to using smart card technology to have one card for identification, library use, etc).
- ⤴ SEC inquiry re a 2-year old policy the Senate approved an inquiry into the effect of increasing GPA requirements. Hernandez noted that the average admission GPA has actually gone up. Simulations could be run to assess what the impact would be for raising the minimum GPA requirements. Hernandez will see what information he can have assembled to address this issue. He noted that GPA is the best predictor of later success. Also, if a student is admitted with a certain GPA, the student is automatically admitted into the Honors Program. Similar arrangements are being investigated regarding admission to Business. A Chancellor's Scholarship of \$8,000 for annual tuition for top students has also been put in place. The aim is to be more attractive to higher GPA students.
- ⤴ Question arose whether specific programs have higher admission standards than the University for undeclared students.
- ⤴ Regarding the grade replacement policy, which the Senate passed this year, Hernandez said he was not aware of the policy and he'd have to look into the status of its implementation with the VCAA.
- ⤴ He also noted that the May 2012 issue of Hawaii Business indicated a growing consensus that the quality of education here combined with the connections made makes getting an education here very positive. (Creamer, “Should a Hawaii High School Graduate....”)
- ⤴ Efforts being made to provide more housing for graduate students who require different housing configurations.
- ⤴ Infrastructure renovation (about 60%), evening staff in a variety of programs, dorm floors focused on particular languages and/or issues, as well as evening library hours have made current housing more attractive (and in the future perhaps another in the Spring of 2013 with the new Campus Center). Retention of students, especially at the freshman level, has increased.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT - Robert

- ✧ Open Access Policy (effective Fall 2012)
 - ✧ Resolution on UHM Open Access Policy (12/08/2010) – CORGE brought forward the original resolution. Library will be informing faculty on new policy and its implementation. Robert will look the proposed policy over to verify its consistency with Senate 2010 resolution.
- ✧ CORGE Memo to SEC re: high school math requirements (4/11/2012) – put on issues list to decide which committee(s) to which it should be referred; after some discussion, Letter suggested sending to CAPP and GEC. Robert suggests to also refer it to CSA.
- ✧ APPA Facilities Management Report – put on agenda for Fall Senate.
- ✧ Request for moratorium on G-Mail transition
- ✧ Committee Staffing – CFS: note that bylaws require that all standing committees must have 9 faculty members, 5 of whom must be Senators, while the remainder must be faculty. Permanent committees have no rules of membership other than they are composed of faculty. By June 1st, it was agreed that all standing committees must have a minimum of 5 Senators. Bonnyjean and Kristin will meet Wednesday with CFS to go through recommendations for appointments to committees for the Fall.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – 6:01 pm