

Draft minutes

Mānoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Monday – Dec 08, 2008; Hawai'i Hall 208

Present: Crookes, Crosby, Hilgers, Keil, Ross, Tiles, Wakayama

2:30 Meeting with VC Ostrander

(a) SEC reported to VC Ostrander that the two standing committees (Committee on Research, Committee on Administration and Budget) reviewing the administration's proposed action concerning PBRC have not fully completed their work and have not reported out, mainly because they feel that necessary information has not been provided or does not accompany the administration's proposal. VC Ostrander's response was that the faculty side did give the administration side an assurance that the review would be completed in 45, or at most 60 days. At the same time PBRC has put forward a document in response to the administration's proposal which he has reservations about.

While the responses from the Faculty Senate are still pending, the VC indicates that he should be moving forward to consult with the union (UHPA), and with the Board of Regents. However, he points to difficulties in making day-to-day decisions, or broader decisions concerning aspects of PBRC, resulting from the delays that are occurring.

(b) Reporting line for Study Abroad program

VCRGE is in agreement with the proposed changes concerning establishing a new reporting line for this unit direct to the VCAA.

(c) The VCRGE will make a \$1m grant made out of RTRF is forthcoming as of now, applications due March 1, funding to start June 1 2009 concerning Sustainability. This will position UHM to seek grants approximately two years from now from federal (and other) funds that will probably be in place at that time.

3:00 SEC meeting

1) Discussion of reporting of standing committees to SEC.

Action items passed to standing committees should be reported back to SEC rather than independent action being taken by the standing committees.

2) A general principle of concern is the budget allocation and context for Faculty Senate and any offices under the Faculty Senate, such as the current General Education Office, and the projected Manoa Office of Assessment, should be clear and under the aegis of the Chancellor's Office. Presently there is some confusion concerning the status of the GEO budget; SEC efforts will be made to clarify this in light of the general principle and the coming establishment of the MOA.

3) Attending the meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletics (CoIA) meeting on athletics. Those attending should be the Faculty Senate Executive Committee chair and the Committee on Athletics chair.

4) Documents relevant to the proposed reorganization of PBRC will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

5) CPM and CoR have worked on the new postdoctoral policy; they will present a joint motion at the near future

6) MET meeting report (from SEC chair)

SEC Chair provided a brief report. The 10% budget cut from the Governor constitutes a \$7m cut in the biennium budget. At the same time, \$3.2m will be added on to the entire UH budget by the Governor from funds under her control, to fund specific projects (with the College of Education UHM, and another project of the UHH).

7) Standing committees

Liaisons for the standing committees provided brief updates concerning content.

4:00 Meeting with Chancellor Hinshaw

a) The Chancellor informed SEC about details concerning a letter she will send to Arts & Sciences faculty this week.

b) The Governor typically comes out with her budget about now. The Chancellor confirmed the existing rumor that the Governor is believed likely to support the lower of possible cut scenarios (the 10% one) for the coming biennium. This means no further cuts in the present AY.

c) VCAA search

David Belshaw and the Isaacs and Miller search firm will continue their work.

d) Faculty Athletic Representative

UHM is a member of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (CoIA). As a result, the Faculty Athletic Representative is selected by and is seen as a representative of the faculty. However, the Chancellor's previous experience has been with a different model in which the Chancellor appoints a faculty member to advise her on Athletics.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 pm.