

Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 11, 2010

Attendance:

Susan Hippensteele (Chair)	X		Chancellor Hinshaw	Greg Takayama	Others:
Lilikala		Martin Rayner	X	VCGRE Ostrander	
Shirley Daniel	X	Halina Zaleski	X	VCAA Dasenbrock	
Rosanne Harrigan	X	David Duffy	X	VCSA Hernandez	

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Call to order	Meeting convened at 3 p.m. in HH 208	
Chairs Report	<p>Hippensteele provided a brief summary of the MET meeting. At the MET meeting, the Chancellor noted that she had been approving every request for faculty hiring that had been sent up. She indicated that she is not concerned about faculty retirements. However, there seems to be a feeling at the College/unit level that there are not adequate funds and replacements, as there are a number of instances where faculty have retired and have left the unit short-handed (for example Hawaiian Studies). There is either a lack of communication at the deans' level, or a bottleneck at the VCAA level regarding hiring.</p> <p>The Chancellors of UHWO and UHH also attended the MET, marking a new initiative to improve coordination. One disclosure made by Chancellor Awakuni was that the development plan includes faculty housing, perhaps at subsidized sales prices. The Chancellor of Hilo expressed that they do not want to duplicate UHM programs but want to develop programs that are strategic niches for the Big Island. Likewise, the Chancellor of UHWO noted that his programs were not those consistent with an R1 university. Their focus was to articulate more with the CCs and provide more practical focused, technical degrees. In some fields, they want their students to get UHM degrees, and hope that UHM faculty might teach some courses for their students, either in person or online. The semester schedule might be an issue if UHWO goes to a trimester model. There was a discussion of cross-campus degrees. There have been some faculty discussions in the ocean science areas.</p> <p>The UH System has agreed to sponsor the AAUP fiscal management training in January. The training will be January 8 and 9, and will be paid for and organized</p>	

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	<p>by the UH System. We have been discussing the specific content/topics to be covered, including performance-based budgeting. VP Johnsrud noted that performance based budgeting would be advantageous to UHM by allowing more flexibility with how budgets are allocated and spent. The SEC noted that it might depend on what performance measures are used and who decides the allocation of the budget. Duffy noted that the VCAFO is initiating a tuition return policy, and the SEC agreed that an educated faculty to participate in budgeting is increasingly important.</p> <p>There have been discussions of budgets in the future. The administration believes that the increase in salary costs as the UHPA agreement proceeds will be covered by the legislature. It isn't clear how attrition/retirements will be handled. The VCAFO is supposed to provide a WASC report that will address some of the fiscal questions.</p>	
Approval of minutes	<p>The minutes of August 9 and August 30 were approved.</p> <p>The SEC discussed the June minutes and recommended changes. It is expected that the minutes can be finalized next week.</p>	SEC members to review minutes for June, and Rayner to provide details from his notes.
Hiring APT for the Senate	We have received 5 applications for the position, and it is looking promising. The closing date for the position is Oct 13, after which candidates will be interviewed by all SEC members who are available. The SEC is anxious to get staff support hired as soon as practical.	
PBRC abolition	<p>The SEC discussed the wording of the draft resolution to be brought to the Senate on October 20. The CoR has yet to report on this issue, and it is expected that we will receive this after their meeting on the 13th. After some discussion, it was agreed that a new draft would be circulated via email in the next few days.</p> <p>The BOR Academic Affairs Subcommittee is trying to meet sometime in November to discuss the issue of PBRC.</p>	Hippensteele to edit and circulate draft.
Obama library proposal	The SEC discussed the wording of the proposal and recommended some changes that will conveyed to Prof Perkins.	Hippensteele to edit and circulate.
Workload issues	The SEC discussed the concerns of the Shidler College faculty about push back from their Dean on approval of departmental workload policies. The SEC members from other colleges noted that there was no problem getting departmental workload policies approved, and none were required to include research output measures.	
Committee Reports	We need to get proposed resolutions and action items from all committees that will need to be addressed at the next Senate meeting as early as possible. We hope to post all action items by early Thursday the 14 th .	Liaisons should work to get action items from their committees by end of day on Wed the 13 th .

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	<p>CoR will meet Wednesday CoA will meet Wednesday CAPP will meet Wednesday CPM will meet Thursday CAB met today. They will bring their report on PBRC to the Senate meeting on Oct 20. They had a discussion on classroom use with VCAA Dasenbrock. In principle the proposed policy is good, but the devil is in the details. They have been meeting with the VCAFO regarding reorganizations in the summer. It was suggested that summer compensation for faculty should be paid if they are expected to fulfill professional duties in the summer. If the administration wants the senate to be in session during the summer, then senators will need to be compensated during the off-duty period. Attendance at Senate meetings is sometimes problematic for senators not located on the Manoa campus, and parking has been arranged for Med School senators to facilitate their attendance.</p> <p>CSA and GenEd liaison is Lilikala who was unable to meet today.</p> <p>MAC met and their subcommittees are going along well. Discussion are lively, and there are some differences of opinion involved. There is a debate on the role of the staff and of OFDAS. The discussion will be ongoing. Discussion on high fail courses has also been robust, and the group is gathering data on the issue going 5 years back. MAC will meet again on Friday.</p>	
Finalize Agenda for Oct 20 Senate	The SEC discussed the draft agenda, and noted that there are a number of resolutions that will be put forth.	
Rumored Reorganizations	There have been a number of statements from the Dean of the Shidler College of Business about a possible merger with TIMS and / or a possible new major in hospitality management. The Shidler College CPC has deferred the issue since no official merger has been proposed.	Hippensteele will discuss this issue with the Chancellor and forward reply to SEC.
Strategic Planning process	The focus groups continue to meet. We will need to have good volunteers to write the drafts, and the SEC is expected to participate in that process.	
	Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.	