

**CAPP Meeting  
Minutes  
April 27 2011  
Moore 319**

1. Attendance
  - a. Present: Chizuko Allen, Edoardo Biagioni, James Cartwright, Robert Cooney (SEC Liason), Timothy Halliday, Cynthia Hew, Ken Kipnis, Katrina-Ann Oliveira Hamid Pourjalali Sarita Rai, Cynthia Ward, and Pavel Zinn.
  - b. Excused: John Matsuda and Stacey Roberts.
2. Meeting called to order at 3:10 PM.
3. Minutes from April 4, 2011 approved unanimously.
4. Academic collaboration
  - a. Will be on the Senate meeting agenda for May 4 for voting
  - b. Ken Kipnis expressed that Ron Cambra, Assistant VC for Undergraduate Education verbally supported this initiative
5. Discussion of grade replacement
  - a. At the meeting CAPP discussed that VCCA had been informed about CAPP's grade replacement policy since December 2010 and had he had stated that he didn't have any objections. Thus, CAPP was surprised at his opposition at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.
  - b. Sarita reported that she saw the VCAA on April 26<sup>th</sup> and he expressed support for grade replacement but only for grades C- and lower.
  - c. One concern of grade replacement as expressed by the CAA is that it will lower graduation rates.
  - d. Many of our peer institutions have grade replacement policies but higher graduation rates
  - e. Some argued that grade replacement could lower drop-out rates by making it easier for students to get off of academic probation
  - f. CAA claims that low grades were not a major reason for high drop-out rates
  - g. Because many other institution have grade replacement policies, UHM students may be at a disadvantage when applying for jobs and to graduate/professional schools
  - h. Many other institutions within the UH system have grade replacement policies
    - i. UH Hilo
    - ii. KCC
  - i. Many programs at UHM have GPA requirements that are higher than 2.0 and hence the new grade replacement policy allows for all grades to be replaced rather than just C- and lower grades. It would make it easier for students to meet these requirements; and could lower time-to-degree/graduation.
  - j. Revised CAPP's response to CAA's opposition to take account of these arguments and others raised in the memo. Will be posted on the website
6. Meeting adjourned at 5:25

Respectfully submitted by: Timothy Halliday