

## **Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting of February 27, 2012**

**Present:** Robert Cooney, Tom Conway, Bonnyjean Manini, Ian Pagano, Carolyn Stephenson, Dick Chadwick

**Absent (excused):** Likikala Kame‘eleihiwa

**Agenda:** [http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/minutes/2011\\_12/sec\\_agenda\\_20120227.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/minutes/2011_12/sec_agenda_20120227.html)

### **Chair's report:**

- ⤴ “No smoking on campus” resolution, recommend endorsement.

MS (Moved, Seconded) to endorse the student resolution approved by the 99<sup>th</sup> Senate on February 8, 2012. Discussion: empathy was expressed for the poor smoker. It was observed that smokers aren't following the current 30' rule. Senate approval of a ban would communicate that smoking isn't healthy. Rule might be approved with delayed enforcement. Enforcement costs unknown. It was also noted that the student resolution was not intended to be punitive. Options presented by the chair: (1) endorse, (2) schedule for Senate discussion, (3) refer to committee, (4) no action. Motion tabled.

### **Admin Report:**

- ⤴ New newsletter well received.
- ⤴ New home page now up, link provided.
- ⤴ Senate reception scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ⤴ New MFS attendance rules seem well received; one Senator resigned, aware he could not make meetings.
- ⤴ March-May agendas available in draft form online; see webpages for updates.
- ⤴ I-clicker poll; I-clickers well received, no emergent problems. Poll results indicate (1) substantial interest in reviewing, revising, and/or enforcing faculty housing residence criteria, (2) interest in having ITS invited for further discussion of transition to Google, (3) difficulty of finding a good time for the MFS reception.
- ⤴ SEC research assistant search: proving difficult, probably due to timing. Search continues.
- ⤴ Guest schedule for March MFS meeting reviewed, still tentative. Invitees include VCAA, Athletics, Security, and ITS representatives.

Minutes of Feb. 13 meeting approved as amended.

### **Old business:**

- ⤴ Draft October Congress minutes circulated, posted
- ⤴ March MFS agenda discussed (see posting)
- ⤴ CAB meeting: lively discussion on faculty housing issue. Problem is mission of faculty housing not clearly defined. Suggest for instance, that there be clear departure times. Another issue is subletting. Another problem: extended families crowding facilities.
- ⤴ Senate Research Assistant: one applied to date.
- ⤴ SEC issues:
  - SPIC (Strategic Planning Implementation Committee under VCRGE – plan to include in MFS agenda for up/down vote by section (will be discussed further)
  - Faculty Professional Development Committee – no report as yet
  - Native Hawaiian hiring proposal – no information
  - Faculty Housing – see CAB meeting above

### **New Business**

- ⤴ Robert Tokunaga confirmed as new member of W-Focus Board, 3 year term ending June, 2014
- ⤴ Election of Senators scheduled to begin March 27.

### **Visit with Chancellor Hinshaw**

- ⤴ Lively discussion with the Chancellor, focused primarily on proposed policy of admitting PhD

candidates to non-professional schools only if their departments could guarantee five years of funding. An SEC member raised the question whether such a policy would, over time, barring great success at fundraising, gut graduate enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences. Judging from its likely effects, the goal seems to be radically to reduce active PhD enrollment, to admit only those for whom Departments can raise funds to support for five years. Hinshaw said that such students would be more likely to be among the very best, thus in time leading to much higher ratings. An SEC member said students with their own independent sources of funding, such as those with East-West Center grants and/or support from their home institutions (governments, think tanks and the like) would not be admitted under this policy. Hinshaw disagreed. The SEC member also found it odd that professional schools were exempted from this proposed policy—the very parts of the University for which funding through research grants to faculty were much more likely. In response, it was suggested that comparisons could be made with benchmark institutions' policies.

- ⤴ The ASUH proposed cigarette smoking ban on campus was discussed further, especially regarding enforcement: citations and other forms of implementation may be a problem, including for instance, lost time in walking off campus to smoke. On the other hand, support groups such as Smokers Anonymous, and a generally positive attitude to assisting smokers to reduce their smoking, may be helpful.
- ⤴ Query: what should be the SEC relationship to the new chancellor? Shared governance is pretty common as is the problem of how to share and yet get things done in a timely manner.
- ⤴ A query was raised: positions under the chancellor serve at the pleasure of the chancellor, but it would be difficult because of potential loss of institutional memory and wisdom, if all appointed positions under the Chancellor were to be vacated simultaneously.
- ⤴ Advice: Be constantly vigilant. Needs nimbleness, support. How Manoa goes, goes the system. Keep Manoa very independent.
- ⤴ Note: Rockne Freitas at ACCFSC – very disturbing that someone at the system level is doing what should be done at the Manoa level were shared governance and Chancellor independence taken seriously.
- ⤴ PBRC - There seems to be some distrust between VCRGE and PBRC. VCRGE has met with the candidate discussed by the SEC, who agreed to develop a plan to strengthen PBRC. The President, Chancellor, and VCRGE proposed, as a joint effort, a review of marine sciences. The Chancellor said that PBRC had been informed about the planned review of marine sciences.
- ⤴ Regarding the SPIC plan to reduce the number of graduate students admitted to only those we can fund fully for five years, how do we make sure this will actually achieve stronger quality? Quality indicators are significant. Nevertheless, SPIC intentions are good regarding improving quality. Concerns expressed: increasing competitiveness important, supporting new students at the expense of the present student body?
- ⤴ Parking: eliminating many stalls is in the works; yet cost for new prohibitive (guesstimates range between \$35K and \$50K/new stall).

It was moved, seconded, and passed to put the ASUH resolution up for a MFS vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard W. Chadwick, SEC Secretary