

## **MĀNOA FACULTY CONGRESS MEETING MINUTES**

February 16, 2011

Art Auditorium; 3:00 – 4:00 pm

### **MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of October 20, 2010 Congress Minutes**
- III. President MRC Greenwood's Address to Congress (3:05-3:45)**
- IV. New Business**
  - 1. CFS:** Proposed Amendment to Congress and Senate Bylaws - Senate Turnover [\[Final Document\]](#)  
*Approved: 1 opposed*
  - 2. CFS:** Proposed Amendment to Congress and Senate Rules of Order – Voting Method [\[Final Document\]](#)  
*Approved: 1 opposed*
- V. Adjournment**

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### **SENATORS: 64**

Chizuko Allen, Garrett Apuzen-Ito, Edoardo Biagioni, Ronald Bontekoe, Paul Brandon, Marguerite Butler, James Cartwright, Richard Chadwick, Beei-Huan Chao, William Chapman, Donna Ching, Robert Cooney, Michael Cooney, Robert Cowie, Jonathan Deenik, Michael Demattos, Patricia Donegan, David Duffy, Ariana Eichelberger, Ernestine Enomoto, David Ericson, Elizabeth Fisher, Sheri Fong, Brien Hallett, Jay Hartwell, Cynthia Hew, Susan Hippensteele, Ellen Hoffman, Joseph Jarrett, Lilikala Kameeleihiwa, Carol Kellett, Kenneth Kipnis, Anne Leake, Chin Lee, Barry Lienert, Bonnyjean Manini, Jennifer Matsuda, Paul Mitri, Richard Nettell, Torben Nielsen, Lawrence Nitz, Katrina-Ann Oliveira, Julia Patriarche, Robert Paull, Vaughan Phillips, Hamid Pourjalali, Sarita Rai, Martin Rayner, Robert Richmond, Stacey Roberts, Todd Sammons, David Sanders, Lilia Santiago, Magi Sarvimaki, Bruce Shiramizu, Janice Shoultz, Kaimi Sinclair, Nicolaos Synodinos, Douglas Vincent, Cynthia Ward, Hsing Wen, Kelley Withy, Halina Zaleski, Pavel Zinin

### **GUESTS:**

Malcom Hee, Aileen Soma, Ray Allen, Sean Koegel, Marly Wilson, Paul Chandler, Monica Stitt-Bergh, Caroline Stephenson, Greg Takayama, Victor Stenger, Andy Strokle, Virginia Hinshaw, Reed Dasenbrock, David Ross, Vanessa Chong, Robert Brewer, Martha Crosby, MRC Greenwood

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### **I. Call to Order**

The Congress meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Chair Susan Hippensteele.

### **II. Approval of October 20, 2010 Congress Minutes**

The minutes of the October 20, 2010 Faculty Congress were approved as posted on the Senate web site.

### **III. President MRC Greenwood's Address to Congress (3:05-3:45)**

Susan Hippensteele introduced MRC Greenwood, and invited her to stay for the Senate meeting following Congress.

President Greenwood thanked the faculty, students and staff for accepting the challenges of the budget cuts while educating 10,000 more students. The state economy is improving, but not fast enough. The state budget is short \$700 million. There are lots of ideas at legislature for dealing with the shortfall and UH is a target for some of this legislation. Some legislators see education as a private rather than a public good. Some would try to tie autonomy to not receiving any state funds. The University of Hawaii can best assess state needs for higher education. If state support is zeroed out, the University of Hawaii will not be able to serve students effectively. All of these issues require lots of time spent at the legislature. The Governor is supportive of UH, but the Board of Regents proposal is more than state can support. Similar challenges are occurring across the US.

Our strategy is to frame UHM in positive terms, and to provide subject matter expertise, on taxes for example. President Greenwood testified against the most destructive bills, SB 120 and HB 79, which would repeal special funds. Feedback suggests that our arguments were persuasive. The model of sweeping funds and requiring that requests be submitted to refund programs does not permit planning, and would affect activities such as faculty hires. Some special funds, however,

may be removed. The value of UH is recognized; UH creates value not just expense, and is essential to support high tech jobs.

In January, President Greenwood met with the National Academy of Science Board on Science, Technology and Economic Policy in Hawaii, and presented a draft report of recommendations on creating an innovation economy from the President's Advisory Council on Hawai'i Innovation and Technology Advancement. There are four recommendations.

- 1) Identifying research as an industry in Hawai'i: This is a good fit for HI, and will provide attractive and high quality jobs for the future.
- 2) Immediately establishing HiTEx (Hawai'i Innovation Technology Exchange Institute): This will help people in HI understand entrepreneurship and investment.
- 3) Encouraging collaboration by integrating entrepreneurship into the university's curriculum.
- 4) Identifying four key areas to capitalize on commercialization opportunities for Hawai'i, including Security and Sustainability, Energy and Agriculture, Data Analytics, and Asian-Pacific Health.

UH will need to restructure commercialization and licensing of technology; this may need a change in legislation. The President encouraged faculty to read the report (at <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/op/innovation/council-recs.html>) and to submit suggestions.

We can be a force for positive change. President Greenwood expressed appreciation for the opportunity of being president of UH. The system has great potential. We can increase graduation rates and we can contribute to the state. The budget next year will be challenging because of federal budget changes. To address this we will need the special and revolving funds. Balances that are unencumbered are not uncommitted, for example, they may be committed to provide start-up funds for new faculty.

The floor was opened to questions.

Q: The federal budget includes cuts to Pell, NSF, etc. What can we do?

A: Not having Pell grants available for summer will delay graduation for some students. ACE and other higher education groups are lobbying to preserve Pell grants for summer classes. President Obama's budget has increases for Pell. There is a high level of uncertainty. Many support Pell. Concerned faculty should write to our congressional delegation, and include specific examples of the ways students are affected. Faculty can also go through their professional societies.

Q: In this economic crisis the university seems to be reactive, can we do more emergency planning, for example, for the projected drop in HI high school graduates. Are we anticipating and planning?

A: Yes. The second decade study done nine years ago, will be updated using new census data. UH has many non-traditional students, and their numbers may increase and may change the demand for programs. The group from 18 to 35 is less well educated than previous generations and may need to upgrade their education. UH needs to support initiatives such as Race to the Top, as well as supporting the return to education for nontraditional students.

Q: The UH President's housing allowance is more than the average household income in Hawai'i. Will the President give it back to the people?

A: No. The BOR decision was based on the disability of President Greenwood's partner, and having the College Hill house available as a facility for events and fund-raising by UHM and UH System. Over 100 events will be done. The modifications to College Hill were limited to health and safety requirements, especially to repair termite damage. There was no personal remodeling. While some may not support the President's salary, it is the level agreed to.

Chair Hippensteele thanked President Greenwood for coming to the Congress.

#### IV. New Business

##### **1. CFS: Proposed amendment to Congress and Senate Bylaws – Senate turnover** [\[Final Document\]](#)

Martin Rayner, SEC Liaison to CFS, explained that the changes to the charter and bylaws were approved by the Senate on January 19, 2011 and now need approval by Congress.

The bylaws are designed so that half of the Senate is elected each year, but this year there is excessive turnover with about 2/3 of Senate seats up for election. The CFS proposes to add one year to the term of 12 senators from high loss constituencies to correct the imbalance.

*Motion carried with 1 opposed.*

**CFS PROPOSAL TO RESTORE  
BYLAWS FACULTY CONGRESS AND SENATE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA**

**ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND TERMS**

**Section 2. Elections.**

**b. Election of Senators.**

(2) Approximately one-half of the senators are to be elected each year. (page 13 of 17)

Two-thirds of senators' terms will end in 2011. In order to meet the "one-half" requirement, we propose that a quarter of them extend for an additional year.

To be eligible, a senator must be from a constituency with lopsided turnover:

- College of Arts and Humanities
- College of Social Sciences
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
- Library Services
- Organized Research Units
- School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology

If necessary, attendance will determine selection.

**2. CFS: Proposed amendment to Rules of Order of the Manoa Faculty Congress and Senate– Voting methods**

[\[Final Document\]](#)

Martin Rayner, SEC Liaison to CFS, explained that the changes to the charter and bylaws were approved by the Senate on January 19, 2011 and now need approval by Congress.

The calculation method for elections is very complicated so the process is not transparent. CFS recommends changing to instant runoff as more understandable and transparent. Calculations for both methods are done on computer.

*Motion carried with 1 opposed.*

**CFS PROPOSAL TO AMEND RULES OF ORDER OF THE MĀNOA FACULTY CONGRESS AND SENATE**

**ARTICLE II. ELECTIONS CODE.**

**Section 4. Elections for the Senate.**

**b. Final Elections for the Senate. (page 4 of 6)**

Revise Paragraph 8

Original:

Candidates will be elected senators by counting the preferential votes using the Meek method of counting in the Single Transferable Vote (SVT) system. Alternates for each constituency shall be determined by repeating the vote count with a larger number of elected positions for that constituency, the exact number of alternate positions to be determined by the Committee on Faculty Service based on the number of elected senators in the constituency and the number of candidates in the constituency.

Revised:

Candidates will be elected senators by counting the preferential votes using the Instant Runoff method of counting in the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system. Alternates for each constituency shall be determined by the Instant Runoff rankings, the exact number of alternate positions to be determined by the Committee on Faculty Service based on the number of elected senators in the constituency and the number of candidates in the constituency.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm. Chair Hippensteele invited all faculty members to stay for the Senate meeting.