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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2025

Online via Zoom

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Present:

BAKER, Kaliko; **BATENI**, Sayed; **BIAGIONI**, Edo, Chair, Faculty Senate; **BUTLER**, Marguerite; **CHOW-RULE**, U'ilani; **COOK**, Sara; **CRUZ**, Mario; **DeBARYSHE**, Barbara; **DOI**, Saori; **FARRAH**, Duncan; **FOUKONA**, Joseph; **FRANCIS**, Oceana; **FRANKLIN**, Erik; **FUJIMOTO**, Patsy; **FULTON**, Lori; **GRISWOLD**, Jennifer; **GRONEWOLD**, Nate; **HIGA**, Jason Kenji; **KIM**, Albert; **KOSTETSKAYA**, Anastasia; **KUWAHARA**, Rheta; **LORENZO-ELARCO**, Kenika; **MAO-CLARK**, Xiaodan; **MARSHALL**, Sarah; **MERRITT**, Deborah; **MISHRA**, Birendra; **MOSTAFANEZHAD**, Mary; **O'ROURKE**, Laura; **PALMER**, Wesley; **PEARSON**, Tom; **PETERSON**, Eric; **PFALZGRAF**, Foley; **PHILIPPOFF**, Joanna; **PORT**, Dan; **POST**, Sarah; **POTEMRA**, Jim; **RAI**, Sarita; **RAPPE**, Michael; **REEMELIN**, Spencer; **RETTENMEIER**, Christoph; **RICHARDSON**, Brian, Faculty Senate Secretary; **RODRIGUEZ**, Beatriz; **ROWNTREE**, David; **SAKAGUCHI**, Ann; **SCHIMMEL**, Scott; **SEIDEL**, Peter-Michael; **STEPHENSON**, Carolyn; **STOCKTON**, Yola; **TAYLOR**, Brad; **THORNE**, Mark; **UYEHARA**, Lisa; **WANG**, Liang; **YAMADA**, Pully; **YAP**, Allison; and **ZHANG**, Shuxing.

Excused:

KREIF, Theresa; **LEE**, Kelly; **LUM**, U'ilani; and **MIYAMOTO**, Camaron; and **SAFFERY**, Maya.

Absent:

AHMAD, Amjad; **CONNOLLY**, Kathleen; and **SARANILLIO**, Dean.

Guests:

CENTEIO, Erin; **FUJIKAWA**, Lisa; **LEONG**, Jaret; **MAYNARD**, Ashley; and **WISEMAN**, Ben.



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Biagioni called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. MINUTES - [January 15, 2025 \(DRAFT\) Minutes](#)

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 2025 MFS General Election schedule
Candidacy period: Feb 18 - Feb 24
Election period: March 3 - March 7
[Current vacant Senate seats](#)
- Upcoming online vote by the Congress on: the changes to the Bylaws approved at the May 2024 Senate meeting, and the changes to the Charter approved at the September 2024 Senate meeting. Discussion for both was at the October 2024 Congress meeting.
- Feasibility study is underway for "Campus Town", a proposed redevelopment of the area across University Avenue from the main Mānoa campus.
- Please note: President Wendy Hensel gave a - [Special Address to the 10-Campus System responding to changes in Federal Policy on February 6, 2025](#). She reaffirmed her commitment to the community, affecting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) programs, research funding, immigration enforcement and Title IX protections.
- Manoa graduate assistants should contact their supervisors (who should contact their deans) if they lose funding due to Federal action.
- UH Giving Day will be February 24th.
- UHM Children's Center fee increases.

4. BUSINESS

- [Resolution Supporting the Right of Faculty to Form College Senates](#)
Recommendation from the Committee on Faculty Service (CFS)
Presenter: Birendra Mishra, Co-Chair
Supporting document: [2024-25 ACCFSC Members Roster](#)

Resolution passed 46 in favor, 1 opposed.



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5. GUEST SPEAKERS

Patsy Fujimoto, Chair

Committee on Academic Policy & Planning (CAPP)

Brad Taylor, Chair

General Education Committee (GEC)

Ashley Maynard, Interim Director

General Education Office (GEO)

Discussion topic: [Report on the Progress of the General Education Revision Process](#)

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Biagioni declared the meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM

Respectfully submitted by Brian Richardson, MFS Secretary
Approved on March 12, 2025