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UHMFS SEC Meeting of August 15, 2011: Minutes

Present: Richard Chadwick, Tom Conway, Robert Cooney, Ian Pagano, Martin Rayner

Excused absence: Lilikala Kameeleihiwa, Bonnyjean Manini

Staff present: Kristen Herrick

Visitors: Biology Program: Steven Robinow

Announcements:

Invited Guests: Marguerite Butler (Zoology), Steve Robinow (Biology), and Timothy Tricas (Zoology)

Administrative reports:

1. Calendar on UHMFS webpage. SEC can sign in to its gmail account: ManoaFacultySenate with the password, to make changes to either the MFS or Hawaii Hall 208 room reservation calendar, or both.. This is also the document repository.
2. I-clickers order is still awaiting budget approval.
3. Kristin will send to the MFS listserve the BOR amendments to bylaws.
4. Most Executive policies will be sent to CAB rather than entire Senate, but SEC will review E1:202 in the interest of time.

Old Business

1. Planned transfer of fisheries unit from Manoa to Hilo. The "HCFRU Summary Statement" was circulated by Prof. Butler. Without notification, it was learned the the UH President in mid-summer decided to move HCFRU to Hilo. In addition, an April 2010 complaint was lodged by an administrator against a faculty member (one of the two adjunct faculty) which apparently was poorly handled; and while it was eventually settled, it may have contributed to the President's decisionmaking. HCFRU is very productive, contributes to Biology's stature, and its members have taught formal courses for 40 years in the Biology Program. To move the organization would gut the teaching in areas such as fisheries. Excellent connections with USGS would disappear. DLNR also part of the cooperative agreement, hence would also disappear. Hilo only has a masters program, so moving the organization would be odd to say the least. Several letters have been sent to VCAA and VCR. Key point: *It was noted that because such a move is expected to have devastating consequences for the Biology Program, it becomes a Senate matter. Also, the status of the research faculty, while they technically are without UHPA rights at present, related issues of this type are something that is expected to be considered shortly.*
2. *Planning for a cross disciplinary graduate program nearly completed in Marine Biology Graduate Program at UHM may be jeopardized by the above issue.*
3. The question arose: Does the UH President have no duty to respond to inquiries of this nature?
4. It was noted that the above issues should be brought before the MFS through one or more of its commiteed. Not everything as to come through the SEC.
5. The 1968 cooperative agreement was circulated.
6. **MSP to be put Sandra Matsui on CSA.**
7. Faculty appointments to Manoa-wide committees should be facilitated by the CFS (search for nominees and volunteers, for instance) since they affect both faculty service and perks. The principle that faculty should be in charge of academics, has a tendency to become eroded.
8. Administrative cost relative to faculty cost is ballooning. Some inquiry into this dynamic

should be undertaken and policy explored.

9. M3.101 applicability from 12/13/2010 reorganization should be reviewed in terms of Senate and administration cooperation. This was an agreement set up between the Chancellor and the Senate. The PBRC issue is what made the M3.101 agreement happen, yet the procedure *never really was implemented*. It was noted that facilities, contracts, grants, space – all such issues were included.
10. Adjourned: 4:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Chadwick