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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2019

Architecture Auditorium (ARCH 205)

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Present:

APUZEN-ITO, Garrett; BISBEE, Michelle; BOUSQUET, Lodovic; BRANNER, Mark; CASHMAN, Kimo; CHIN, David; CHONG, Vanessa; CLAPP, Justin; CONWAY, Thomas; CROOKES, Graham; DAVIS, Katherine; DENG, Youping; DENNISON, Carolyn; DUFFY, David; FARRAR, Christine; FEUERSTEIN, Anna; FOSTER, James; FREITAS, Konia; FULTON, Lori; GOODWIN, Jeff; GOSNELL, William; GOVELLA, Kristi; GRISWOLD, Jennifer; HIGA, Jason; HIGGINBOTHAM, Derrick; HUFFMAN, Brian; JOHNSON, Shannon; KIRS, Marek; LINCOLN, Noa; LIND, Meda; MARTIN, JR., Ernest; MATTHEUS, Deborah; MCKIMMY, Paul; MINAS, Randall; MIYAMOTO, Camaron; NG-OSORIO, Jackie; NGUYEN, Truc; OPPEGAARD, Brett; PARK, Hyoung-June; PAULL, Robert; POKHREL, Pallav; POTEMRA, James; POWELL, Brian; RICHARDSON, James; ROSS, David; SAKAGUCHI, Ann; SANDERS, David; SEIDEL, Michelle; SENTELL, Tetine; SIPES, Brent; STEPHENSON, Carolyn; SUR, Jill; TAYLOR, Brad; WESTFALL-SENDA, Mandy; WONG, Vanessa; YAN, Tao; and ZALESKI, Halina.

Excused:

BOVARD, Penny-Bee; BROWN, Amy; ERICSON, David; GROBBE, Niels; JHA, Rajesh; OHTA, Aaron; ROBERTS, Stacey; SUNG, Nackil; TSAI, George; and ZIEGLER, Nicole.

Absent:

COONEY, Michael; CSISZAR, Katalin; LAFLAIR, Geoffrey; LENZ, Cory; and SEO, Kwanglim.

Guests:

ARINCORAYAN, Naomi; BEAULE, Christine; CHUNG, Aimee; DANIEL, Shirley; FRIEDMAN, Daniel; GONZALEZ, Vernadette; LUM, Wendy; MARKHAM, Matthew; MOUGINIS-MARK, Peter; and PANG, Adam.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

2. MINUTES:

- February 20, 2019 Senate (*DRAFT*) Minutes [[DOC](#)]
Minutes accepted by acclamation.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome and update(s)

- Chair B. Powell announced that next MFS meeting on April 17, 2019, will be held at BIL 152 instead of ARCH 205. The ARCH auditorium will be unavailable due to a conference scheduled on the same day.
- Chair Powell requested that Senators encourage fellow faculty to run and fill the vacant positions in the upcoming elections.
- Although the deadline for the Strategic Plan feedback is passed, Chair Powell invited the Senators to submit comments to the SEC if they were unable to meet the OVCAA's deadline. The SEC intends to submit a Resolution on the Strategic Plan at some point.
- Reorganization proposal - Chair Powell provided an overview of the reorganization proposal starting with the MFS Resolution in February 2018 "*to view the reorganization proposal with interest.*" Highlights of the recap included: summary of the activities of the Design Team up until January 2019; the receipt of the Phase I written document by MFS for the first time on 1/7/19; the administration's request to MFS to complete the review by 1/24/19 for BOR approval on 1/31/19; the SEC meeting with BOR Chair Lee Putnam on 1/25/19 to persuade the BOR to defer any decision to February; then the postponement of the decision at the February 2019 BOR meeting on the Phase I proposal/appointment of the President/UHM CEO and Provost due to outcries that this important decision would be made on Maui even though it affects the Mānoa campus, which finally led to the BOR decision to delay the approval of the reorganization until the 3/28/19 meeting at Kapiolani Community College on Oahu. The Chair encouraged faculty members to submit testimony and/or attend the meeting.



4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Resolution Supporting the Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Earth and Planetary Exploration Technology** [[DOC](#)]

Recommendation from the Committee on Academic Policy and Planning (CAPP)

Presenter: Randy Minas, CAPP Vice Chair

HIGP Representative: Professor Peter Mougini-Mark

Supporting document:

- *SOEST Proposal for New Undergraduate Certificate in Earth and Planetary Exploration Technology* [[DOC](#)]

CAPP Vice Chair R. Minas stated that at the last MFS meeting, this Resolution was tabled to give the proposing party additional time for consultation. Since then, consultation with Engineering/Astronomy has taken place. The issue was opened up for discussion.

Chair Brian Powell requested that individuals state their names and units when speaking to the Senate to ensure that names are properly reflected in the minutes.

Senator D. Ross said the issue for him on this Resolution was that departments in which students were specifically targeted by this proposal were not consulted on it. In his view, units that are mentioned in any context should be consulted as this is good university practice. Senator G. Apuzen-Ito raised a question regarding how the courses will meet the “Whereas #2 & #3”. i.e. need to attract new engineering students, particularly for mechanical engineering and to some extent electrical engineering if opportunities are to be expanded. Senator D. Chin explained that his faculty did not have issues with the Certificate but he extended his consultation to a faculty colleague in Hilo who did not have any objections but hopes to be invited to give lectures and presentations. MFS is the one place in which these discussions and/or consultations can occur in this manner. Senator P. McKimmy, Chair of CAPP, said that given what proposers have done to ensure consultation this time, CAPP may consider alternative review strategies, for example, using a template and checklist of issues to be addressed, similar to the CAB template and checklist for reorganization proposals.

Senator D. Ross then raised the question with regard to Whereas #2 and whether to strike #2 in entirety. A motion was made by Senator D. Ross to strike this out and it was seconded by Senator G. Crookes. The motion was opened for discussion. Senator G. Crookes noted that the language in Whereas #2 in reference to engineers does not come across as collegial. Senator James Foster suggested changing the language.

Senator D. Ross withdrew the motion formerly made and Senator G. Crookes seconded the motion. A new motion was made by Senator D. Ross to amend the Resolution and strike out the ‘do not’ in Whereas #2



and to replace with ‘might not’ to read, ‘might not understand the fundamental science that underpins space missions, while scientists might not understand the technological ...’

The amendment passed with 45 in favor of support of the amendment; 3 votes against; and 2 abstentions. There was no further discussion so the Chair called for the vote.

**Mānoa Faculty Senate vote: 42 votes in favor of support; 6 votes against; and 3 abstentions.
The Resolution was approved.**

5. BUSINESS

- **Upcoming Senate and SEC Elections**

Update from the Committee on Faculty Service (CFS)

Presenter: James Foster, CFS Chair

CFS Chair presented the timeline for the upcoming elections and requested that the MFS Senate encourage fellow faculty members to become Senators. In an attempt to modernize the voting system, the system has been undergoing programming changes over the last year. The new system had been tested over the last week and appears to work. Meantime, the recent ITS upgrades have made the former system inoperable although we were assured that this would not happen so it is not possible to revert back and the new system must be utilized. Senators are encouraged to print out and save their token identification numbers after voting for their records.

- **Motion to Assign Focus Designations to Courses Rather than Instructors** [[DOC](#)]

Recommendation from the General Education Committee (GEC)

Presenter: Shannon Johnson, GEC Chair

General Education Office Representative: Christine Beaule, Director

Supporting document: NA

GEC Chair S. Johnson presented the motion to assign focus designations to courses rather than instructors and noted that this motion was consistent with the External Review Report’s recommendation. The motion was opened up for discussion. Senator D. Chin stated that the instructors need to understand the requirements of course designated versus instructor-designated courses. Senator S. Johnson responded that training as appropriate can be provided. Senator C. Stephenson- speaking not in the official capacity as SEC liaison to GEC but as a Senator-- pointed out that there are major academic freedom issues with this proposal, as current instructor-based courses are each different from each other for the same course, and would need to be made



uniform under the new proposal. How would uniformity be produced without violating the academic freedom of faculty to construct their own courses? Also, changing to allow only course-based focus designations is a long process that requires a change of criteria and other steps, estimated to be a 2-year process. While this may reduce the workload for GEO and GEC, it shifts the workload to the department and department faculty, and a course coordinator will be necessary. Departments have not been consulted. Also, she said there was only anecdotal evidence that students were in any way harmed by the present system. Senator S. Johnson said that, yes, the only evidence for students being harmed by the present instructor and course-based mix of focus courses had come from some advisors and was indeed only anecdotal. Senator Garrett Apuzen-Ito said there would be no disruption. GEO Director C. Beaulé joined Senator S. Johnson at the podium and acknowledged this “will be disruptive” and that many questions have been raised but her office would provide meaningful support. Currently, we have 4,100 GenEd courses with designations. An online platform is being developed to automatically populate the repeat fields for the courses. This will eliminate rewriting the same language and therefore will save faculty time. Senator H. Zaleski, a member of the GEC, mentioned that many are already course-based designations and faculty do not feel they are threatened and do not feel their academic freedom is threatened. She said we could create duplicate courses. Senator A. Feuerstein raised the question of whether the proposal should undergo consultation with departments. She suggested that if there was only one instructor teaching a course, then it could be instructor-based. She asked whether instructor-based courses would still be allowed. Senator Johnson said no. C. Beaulé said enrollment caps can be addressed with alphas added to CRNs. Large lecture classes can be offered with some of the breakout sessions identified as writing intensive. Senator C. Stephenson stated that the responses are appreciated but many issues remain.

Senator C. Stephenson made the motion to defer consideration of the proposal until 1) the need for this change is documented with systematic, and not anecdotal, data as to how the current system of focus courses has negatively affected students; 2) a clear plan and process for implementation is developed and attached to the proposal; and 3) department consultation takes place. B. Sipes seconded the motion. There was no further discussion so the Chair called for a vote.

Mānoa Faculty Senate vote: 31 votes in favor of support; 19 votes against; and 2 abstentions.

The motion to defer the resolution was approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced.



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7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by D. Duffy and seconded by R. Paull. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Sakaguchi, Acting Secretary
Approved on April 17, 2019.