

All-Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs
Meeting at Kaua‘i Community College,
September 16, 2005
(as amended and approved 10-21-05)

Kaua‘i Attendance: Robert Bley-Vroman (UHM); David Ericson for Jean Johnson (UHM Coll of Education); Jene Michaud (UHH); Joe Chernisky (Leeward CC); Gaynel Buxton (Honolulu CC); Floyd McCoy (Windward CC); Albert Spencer (Kaua‘i CC); and additional faculty representatives: Jim Tiles (UHM Faculty Senate Vice Chair); Dana Beckert (Kaua‘i CC); Brian Cronwall (Kaua‘i CC); and Gen Hontz (OCET).

Via Polycom: Bill Puette (UH WO); David Bangert (UHM Coll of Business); David Flynn (Library); John Casken (UHM Nursing); Jerry Calton (UHH); Dan Kruse (Maui CC); John Coles for Lou Zitnik (Hawaii CC)

- I. Co Chair Al Spencer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
- II. Minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2005 at UH Mānoa (2nd Draft) were amended and approved.
- III. Committee reports:
 - A. DLAC (Bill Puette).
DLAC met on Friday at UHM Sept . 9 at 1:30 pm. Puette attended via polycom from LCC.

David Lasner reported to DLAC that UHPA and UH have come to an agreement on Intellectual Property whereby Faculty will have ownership over all IP while UH will retain right to internal uses. It includes what might be considered "works for hire" as things done by faculty while on release time, for example. No copy of the agreement was available but was expected soon.

In addition, DLAC was informed that a Distance/Distributed Learning Conference was being considered for the Spring of 2006. In 2001 UH first held such a conference and it seems appropriate to do another at this time. It's in the University's DL Plan as well. Speakers would be invited to talk about what is happening in DL - and to share and future visions.

On Thursday, Nov 10 there will be an on line conference "Current Issues and Initiatives in Dist. Learning" sponsored by the College of Ed - featuring, among other things, free food. All are invited. Go to: www.hawaii.edu/coe/de.htm

Next DLAC meeting will be on Oct 14 at 1:30 pm

- B. Grading Harmony (Joe Chernisky & Gaynel Buxton).
Cherniky is new chair of the committee, but expressed concern that he does not have a clear sense of the “charge” of the committee.

Floyd McCoy suggested that the charge of the committee was to seek resolution to the long-standing controversy on the use, acceptability and transferability of the N Grade. The question was raised whether or not WASC had or still has a problem with the N grade controversy. It was remarked that it was an accreditation issue for Leeward, so LCC got rid of it; else where there does not appear to be a consensus.

Floyd McCoy reviewed the history of the controversy, explaining that the problem first arose because Manoa was not accepting anything but ABCD or F grades; Manoa construed anything but ABCD as an F. A Windward CC graduate was therefore denied admission to Manoa.

Robert Bley-Vroman added that so far as he knew, “W” grades are not a problem, just Ns. Jene Michaud remarked that UH Hilo also has an E grade for credit by exam.

Primary charge is to look at the array of grade and make a proposal

As it was clear that there are still many unresolved issues, Floyd McCoy volunteered to join the committee.

- C. Budget (Robert Bley-Vroman).
No report. The Committee has not met yet.

Jene Michaud. announced that Jerry Calton will be serving as the Hilo Representative.

- D. Banner
Since Lou Zitnik is now on the Budget Committee, he has asked to be removed from the Banner committee. we need a replacement for him on the Banner Committee.
John Coles added that notwithstanding Lou’s withdrawal as chair of the committee, Hilo is a player in the discussion. Floor nomination was received naming Harry Davis of Kapi’olani CC. He will be contacted to confirm acceptance.

- E. Articulation (Floyd McCoy)
No report. The committee has not met yet. A meeting has been called for next week.

IV. Continuing Business

- A. RCUH personnel procedures.
Robert Bley-Vroman & Al Spencer sent an email to President McClain. His response was circulated by email on the comments page attached to this meeting’s agenda (see Appendix below).

Robert Bley-Vroman reported that the Manoa Faculty Senate passed a motion 53 to 0 to

implement the Sept 2004 policy:

www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/documents/resolutions/20050831_reso_rcuh_cor.html

Yesterday the BOR was still reviewing the issue. Lots of comment were received. ACCFSC response seeking delay, is posted.

Puette made a motion that ACCFSC affirm the Manoa Faculty Senate position as described by Bley-Vroman. After some debate on this motion, a motion to table was made and seconded by Jon Coles. The motion to table was passed unanimously.

B. The UH Strategic Plan goes only as far as 2010. The President has assigned Dr. Linda Johnsrud to work on a “Second Decade” project. Al Spencer and Robert Bley-Vroman met with Dr. Johnsrud to start discussions. Dan Kruse volunteered to work on this if it proceeds further.

C. Residency policy for tuition and tuition waivers (Linda Johnsrud).
There is a concern that the policy still exists that full time students from out of state can convert their status from non-resident to resident after only one year.
Robert Bley-Vroman noted that “tuition waivers” were about dollarizing waivers

D. Accreditation of Community Colleges.
ACCJC’s deadline for comment period is Sept 19.
Al Spencer suggested that maybe the Community College Senate Chairs need to have a forum for a separate meeting to deal with Community College issues.
Floyd McCoy suggested that the ACCFSC agenda be constructed to allow Community College issues together.

V. New Business

A. Emergency Plan (Hurricane)
Al Spencer suggests that system policies regarding emergencies and emergency preparedness may need to be revisited; there should be a policy about relieving faculty from duties in certain emergency situations.
Emergency Preparedness of UH is dismal. There are no EP drills or practices. At least a campus walk for catastrophic response planning should be required.
Robert Bley-Vroman said that perhaps we could also invite campuses which are doing something to share their best practices.
Dan Kruse recalled seeing something about Emergency Operating Plans already being reworked. The subject was therefore deferred.

B. Private public partnership (Lou Zitnik)
Since Lou Zitnik was not in attendance, Bill Puette was asked to report on progress at West O‘ahu. He reported that the planning for UHWO campus construction was indeed progressing as a private public partnership. The BOR had authorized the administration to proceed in development of a more detailed proposal with the contractor.

John Coles reported Lou Zitnik is on a review panel for Hilo
Al Spencer expressed a concern about Academic Freedom unless faculty are fully involved in the planning of such projects and development of safeguards from non-academic pressures that may be applied to curriculum and academic program decisions.

Floyd McCoy suggested that this concern be raised to President McClain.

- VI. Members Choice: Solicitation of Concerns.
- A. David Ericson decried the legislative interference that stripped a faculty position from UHM College of Education in order reassign it to UH West O'ahu. Even after the autonomy amendment, the Legislature can still step in and move a position from one campus and moves it to another
 - C. Since the BOR reorganized their standard business agenda, the UH Administration has not been able to attend the ACCFSC meetings. The question was raised whether ACCFSC should continue schedule its meeting to coincide with the BOR anymore. Question debated, but not resolved.
 - D. Morale Concern (Dan Kruse)
Al Spencer reported there was a Faculty Morale survey used some years ago during the Mortimer regime. Perhaps we can look at it to see if it would be appropriate to use again now. Windward also have a Faculty Morale survey that they have used. The Chairs will continue research on this for the time being.
 - F. ACCFSC Bylaws
Puette: asked for consideration of the draft of proposed bylaws for ACCFSC to be on Oct Agenda.
- VII. Adjournment 11:50 a.m.

Appendix

Response from David to questions posed to him that the Chairs felt the Council wanted to be updated on:

3. Re the timeline on the presidential search ...that's a matter for the Regents to address. Patricia Lee said in the June 2005 BOR meeting they intended to have a president chosen by June of 2006.
4. Re emergency plans for the campuses, via a copy of this memo I'll ask Sam Callejo to respond to this before your meeting.
5. Re RCUH personnel policies, there will be much discussion about that at the BOR itself, in all probability. Short form is that the UH negotiations with HGEA (over their unfair labor practice complaint filed after the BOR adopted its Sept. 2004 policy on the matter) are continuing through November 30, the new date set for a hearing by the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.
6. Re items to be addressed this year, of course I'd be happy to discuss that ...and if we don't connect in person, I can give you something electronic later.
7. Re alcoholic beverages at Aloha Stadium, realize as President I'm a member of the Stadium Authority Board, and therefore have a responsibility in conjunction with that.
8. Re the position shift, it is not occurring this year. For next year, current plans from UHM are to request a new position in the supplemental budget.\\

David