

All-Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs
Meeting at Honolulu Community College,
February 17, 2006

Maui Attendance: Robert Bley-Vroman (UHM); Albert Spencer (Kaua'i CC); John Casken (UHM SoN); David Bangert (UHM Coll of Business); Jean Johnson (Coll of Ed.); David Flynn (HM Library); Leighton Liu (UHM Architecture); Jene Michaud (UHH); Bill Puette (UH WO); Joe Chernisky (Leeward CC); Gaynel Buxton (Honolulu CC); Joseph Overton for Harry Davis (Kapi'olani CC); Floyd McCoy (Windward CC); Lou Zitnik (Hawai'i CC); and additional faculty senate representative: Jim Tiles (UHM Faculty Senate Vice Chair).

Via Polycom: Dan Kruse (Maui CC)

Guests: President David McLain; Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda Johnsrud

- I. Co Chairs Bley-Vroman and Spencer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
- II. The minutes of the January 20, 2006 meeting were amended and approved.
- III. Standing Committee reports:
 - a. DLAC (Bill Puette).
DLAC has not met this year yet.
 - b. Grading Harmony/UCA (Floyd McCoy and Joe Chernisky).
Floyd McCoy sent out a report by email that has updated the grading information from the different campuses (UCA-4)
Floyd recommends we take it to the respective faculty senates for discussion.
On the back Joanne has calculated how each campus is dealing with these transfer grades
Also Floyd requests feedback to know if anything needs to be corrected.
It appears that "Plus & minus" grading is not a problem; it's primarily the W, N, R grades that are problematical and is of concern to administrators as well.

Floyd's second email (UCA-5) is only an invitation for discussion. It is a proposal to set up a board to review HAP courses, modeled on the Writing Intensive Committee. So far, Honolulu CC is very pleased with the proposal. UHM also considers it a positive step. Please send comments to Floyd or Neil Smatresk..and your respective Chief Academic Officers also.

Lou Zitnik asked how HAP committee would be populated. The consensus is that these issues must be faculty driven. UCA is not a senate committee but a system administration committee. Faculty senates need to weigh in on curriculum issues.
Al Spencer suggested that is wise to have a faculty senate policy that urges the Chancellor to consult the senate when making appointments to any system-wide committees.
 - c. Budget (Lou Zitnik & Al Spencer)
The System Committee has not meet yet. Linda Johnsrud noted that the earlier timeline was too ambitious, so it has been moved back a month to assure more faculty input. Unfortunately, that pushes things back to the summer. System-wide groups will do presentations at the end of March... campus presentations at the end of April.

Robert Bley-Vroman expressed the appreciation of the Senates for such efforts to include faculty input

- d. Banner (Harry Davis)
no report
- e. Community College Subcommittee (Al Spencer)
Have not met, but planning on having a breakfast with John Morton at LCC before next ACCFSC.. Next meeting in March will be starting at 10:15 am
With system reorganization, this group wants a more visible link

IV Continuing Business

- a. UARC Update (Robert Bley-Vroman)
As reported in the paper. And posted on the web (<http://www.hawaii.edu/cgi-bin/uhnews?20060216102747>)
New conceptualization of UARC that would not permit “classified research”.the first 3 years.
Not at Manoa campus but State Higher Ed.
This is a different proposal than that which the UHM senate considered.
Robert Bley-Vroman reported that the President commented that the ACCFSC did not come out against UARC.

Floyd McCoy moved and Joe Chernisky seconded that the co-chairs draft a statement on behalf of ACCFSC to clarify the position of the ACCFSC that the council did not take a position on UARC because it was viewed as the responsibility of the affected senate(s).
The motion carried by unanimous consent... with the proviso that the statement be sent to President McClain

This raises the issue of the role of the ACCFSC in dealing with System issues.
ACCFSC is not a system senate, but a council.

- b. Quality of Worklife Survey Status (Linda Johnsrud)
Within the first two days we have a 10% response.
Please encourage
- c. Presidential search (Floyd)
At BOR meeting, the recommendation made to the Regents from the Task Group was that they have already hired the best person for this job. Since the Regents have rated McClain as outstanding, there is no need to go forward with a search. So it seems the board is planning to terminate its search at the present time.
- d. System VP APP search Status.
Some applications have been received and a meeting is scheduled for March 2
- e. System VP for Students Status.
Two pieces of testimony were received regarding this position - one from UHPA strongly urging position be terminated; the other, as reported by Robert Bley-Vroman from the UH Manoa senate which passed a resolution expressing the position that the position should not be filled till after a study has been conducted to determine the need for it..

Jim Nishimoto asked ACCFSC for suggested names for search committee members. Linda Johnsrud said at the BOR meeting today, they passed the revision of the Specs., the next step is the job description.

The Council instructed Co-Chairs to ask for clarification as to whether or not the job search will be going on. Dan Kruse expressed the concern that if a search goes forward, ACCFSC should be represented on the committee.

- f. Biennium Budget Participation. (Al Spencer)
Al Spencer described the following requests he had assembled so far:
 1. ACCFSC expenses for travel, hotel, car rental etc.
 2. An annual retreat
 3. Reassigned (relief) time for officers-especially for Secretary-webmaster

Puette, however, suggested (with Zitnik speaking in support) that ACCFSC secretary should not be a member of the council as the duty inhibits that council member from truly participating in the discussions. Circulating the duty creates problems in consistency and format not to mention the technical skill required to post and modify the materials on the ACCFSC web site; such skills as are not commonly found among council members, Puette therefore suggests that a permanent secretary/webmaster for clerical support be assigned instead.

- V. President McClain Report
 - a. VP for Student Affairs: UHPA testimony strongly opposed.
President spoke of a “Devolution” process in looking at UH restructuring, one that emphasizes flexibility and is more decentralized. Conversations with other State system presidents at Wisconsin, Penn State, etc.. revealed that Universities with larger student populations have smaller system offices. Systems should do policy and support.
He is looking into the possibility of moving the UH Pres office off Manoa Campus
 - b. Second Decade Project
 - c. BOR decided to suspend the search for president.
 - d. Q & A:
Floyd McCoy: Have you discussed your UARC proposal with the Navy?
Pres, McClain: Not yet.
The problem with UARC is the secrecy issue. If we can move that out of the contract,
As Jim Gaines said at the BOR meeting today, we have never applied for a research grant that involved classified research. Stanford’s policy is no classified research.
We have accepted “proprietary” restrictions for research in private sector grants.
Jim Tiles raised the problem of the significant “direct cost recovery”
Robert Bley-Vroman noted: technically all contracts are with the system, the contract will be administered by the system. Why not administer this at Manoa?
President McClain: I made the call that this is sufficiently “State-wide” concern.
There is a “freedom of inquiry” policy issue.
There are unclassified UARC’s at State Universities in many places.

Lou Zitnik: Now that we are seeing this as a system contract not a Manoa one, shouldn't the other campus Senates and ACCFSC have an opportunity to consider positions.

David McClain: .all faculty senates and ACCFSC are more than welcome to weigh in.

Very likely.. All upfront costs will be reimbursable

By the way, not all contracts would ne Navy.. There are NSF and others

VI. New Business

a. NCHEMS Report

Linda Johnsrud updated the council on the report that appeared in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin that criticized UH efficiency.

There were several problems with the report that the UH Pres. pointed out: Cost of Living indicator (used 16%); they double counted fringe benefits (100 Million).

UHM senate passed a resolution asking NCEHMS to retract the study; they they publish an apology in Hawaii papers; and that UH no longer employ NCHEMS as a consultant.

Jim Tiles: UHERO (Univrity of Hawaii on Economic Research Organizations) is doing a proper study in response.

b. Legislative Update (President McClain)

UHM was bombarded by requests for information from the legislature. But progress is being made and UHM attention seems to be over

Joe Chernisky reported that Rep. Waters wants to visit as many campuses as possible.

Rep. Waters is looking carefully at Tier 3 requests that were eliminated from the Governor's budget.

c. Manoa Campus Facility Survey:

Floyd McCoy suggests this survey be expanded to all campuses.

Its being done by a company.

Chancellors can request Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA)

VII. Members Choice

a. March meeting minutes:

Puette reminding the council that he will be away on the date of the next ACCFSC meeting (March 17 at Leeward CC). A substitute secretary must be found. Jean Johnson (Coll of Ed.) graciously volunteered for this duty.

VI Adjournment 12:55 p.m.