

All-Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs
Meeting at UH Mānoa, Dole Street Conf. Room
August 18, 2005
(as amended and approved 9-16-05)

Mānoa Attendance: Robert Bley-Vroman (UHM); Joan Peters (UHM Arts & Sciences); Hong-Mei Chen (UHM Coll of Business); Jean Johnson (UHM Coll of Education); David Flynn (UHM Library); Halina Zaleski (UHM CTAHR); Leighton K.F. Liu (UHM Architecture); Pauline Sheldon (UHM TIM); Bill Puette (UH WO); Joe Chernisky (Leeward CC); Gaynel Buxton (Honolulu CC); Harry Davis (Kapi‘olani CC); Floyd McCoy (Windward CC); Dan Kruse (Maui CC); Albert Spencer (Kaua‘i CC); and additional faculty representatives: Tom Schroeder (UHM); David Ericson (Coll of Ed.); Ross Christensen (Library); Jim Tiles (UHM Faculty Senate Vice Chair)

Via Polycom: Jene Michaud (UHH); Jerry Calton (UHH); Jill Savage for Lou Zitnik (Hawa‘i CC)

Guests: BOR Chair Kitty Lagareta; Vice Chair Alvin Tanaka, Interim President McClain, Interim Vice President for Community Colleges John Morton.

I. Co Chair Floyd McCoy called the meeting to order at 10:15 am

II. Minutes of the meeting of May 20 at UH Mānoa (2nd Draft) were approved as posted.

III. Continuing Business: new and continuing issues for consideration this year:

- A. It appears that there are too many “interim appointments” in UH Administration and participation on Search Committees
- B. Tom Schroeder raised the issue of recent policy changes being contemplated by BOR relating to RCUH staff. HGEA is seeking to include them in its Bargaining Unit 8 and make their hiring subject to the negotiated contract. Many people hired by RCUH may be vulnerable. UHPA testified against the HGEA position on this issue and the Manoa Faculty Senate is responding also. ACCFSC co-chairs were contacted by UH administration for a response, but the notice came Aug. 11, requesting response by Aug 26.

Jean Johnson moved and Joan Peters seconded that ACCFSC respond to UH VP Gaines by requesting no decision to be made until the ACCFSC and the senates have a reasonable opportunity to discuss and respond. Motion passed by consensus.

- C A larger issue, as noted previously by Lou Zitnik, many times important issues are bought up and appear to be rushed through over the summer, leaving faculty senates or ACCFSC unable to respond. For instance, in addition to the RCUH problem:

- Over the summer, action was taken to increase campus security which has resulted in a 5% reallocation of new money in campus budgets

- D. ACCFSC Secty. Bill Puette distributed copies of the Charter as approved last year noting that BOR approval was not needed since the UH President has been authorized to approve such documents. He also noted that the draft of the bylaws has not been discussed or approved and exists now only as a discussion draft, which needs to be acted on. Finally, he raised the concern over the means by which different faculty senates are authorized and/or recognized as constituent bodies of ACCFSC. BOR policy [www.hawaii.edu/accfsc/docs/UHBORpolicy1-7.rtf] seems to limit the number; we may need to address this issue.

IV Visit by Regent Chair, Kitty Lagareta & Vice Chair Alvin Tanaka

Regent Lagareta began with a statement about BOR and its new directions. BOR is looking at informational meetings dedicated to long term big issues.

Very focused on keeping the BOR from being too hands on (micro managing).

1. Tom Schoeder asked about the RCUH issue. Chair Lagareta noted that as she is on RCUH Board, she has big concerns also. BOR is interested in faculty input.
2. Al Spencer asked about Campus Security decisions that will impact campus budgets thought it was decided during summer break without faculty input. Regent Lagareta spoke to the urgency of the issue.
3. Joan Peters expressed the concern that a high number of administrative decisions made during the summer preclude faculty input.
4. Joe Chernisky asked the Regents to look at the question of over use of interim administrative appointments
5. Floyd McCoy asked about status of search committee for UH President
Ans: Search Firm & committee appointed Oct 2005;
Hopeful timeline: interviews January & February 2006;
Target date for decision is April 2006.
6. Jim Tiles remarked that the issue of “interims” may provide an opportunity to restructure. For example, perhaps Human Resource and InfoTech (ITS) should be decentralized to Campus level not system. Perhaps we need an administrative audit or study to look objectively at structure.
7. David Ericson asked if it was fiscally responsible at this time to be pushing UH construction like West O’ahu and the Med School. Regents responded that we are using Public-Private partnerships to allow us to proceed thoughtfully and carefully

Regent Tanaka noted that across the country states are having problems funding CIP. These innovative partnerships are becoming more popular by necessity.

8. Jean Johnson expressed concern about legislative interference in personal decisions. Regents asserted they don’t take calls from legislators.
9. Gaynel Buxton raised concern about lack of affordable Faculty Housing. Halina Zaleski confirmed that dorm/housing is a serious problem. There are married grad students not

provided for... sleeping in their cars.

Regent Lagareta said the tuition increase was something we had to bite the bullet on. Likewise Regent Tanaka explained that development of West O‘ahu will allow us to look at mission of UHM and hopefully relieve some of the stress on Mānoa.

- V. Discussion with new Interim Vice President for Community Colleges, John Morton:
I’ve Been on the job for just 3 weeks. The appointment is for 2 years or until relieved.

This new position is not a reincarnation of the structure from Chancellor Tsunoda days. During her days decision making was centralized. The new configuration is to accommodate some areas where system leadership is necessary: budget allocations from the legislature, collective bargaining, faculty classification , etc.

A huge work force gap is developing in the State. Post secondary education is crucial.

We may be dipping deeper in the high schools to feed students into Baccalaureate inst.

We are seeking a “most favored partner” status with UHM, UHH, UHWO

Maybe better to separate system policy from campus procedures.

ACCJC concerns are driving the issue. Fall 2006 accreditation visits are important.

Harry Davis: we worry that legislative appropriations will get worse. What can be done?

With new tuition structure the old historic percentage ratios need to be inverted.

Even within CC funding, formula based funding, which is now based on a per student allocation, need reassessment.

Roll for the VPCC must not usurp authority of Chancellors in campus level decision making.

- VI. Discussion with Interim President McClain

1. Just came back from China, negotiated relationship with universities there.
Vision of UH is community respect for resources and people
2. Two big restructurings: VPCC, VP CFO
3. 4 of 6 CC that were on warning from accreditors are now off the warning list. The pending WASC visit likely to be delayed
4. On June 6 asked Chancellors to implement 2 BOR priorities
 - A. Money for Med school
 - B. Money for internal auditors
5. Campus violence problem needs to be addressed. After study, he proposed 5% of new money be used to do it.

Consultant/Speaker Jackson Katz , who is a leading gender violence prevention educator, will be holding the following workshops, both are open to the public:

Gender Violence Prevention (Strategies that Work!)

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

University of Hawai‘i - Campus Center Ballroom

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Thursday, September 8th 2005
Hawai'i Convention Center
1801 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, HI 96815
Theater 320
8:00am - 12:30pm

6. Supplemental Budget Committee will continue the good work of the Budget Committee
7. Strategic Plan of UH goes only to 2010
Need to start conversation to look at what UH should be doing
Linda Johnsrud is working on an analytic piece to start this process
8. Alcohol at UH stadium. Public Safety must be addressed.
9. On the issue of summer decision-making:
RCUH: inform Dr. Gaines that ACCFSC will get back to him but not by Aug 26
Tolling periods on the HLRB Case and BOR dead lines create the urgency.
For supp. Budget , we are sort of a prisoner to the calendar.
10. On the “host of interim appointees”: According to James Nishimoto’s report,
It was 20% , declined then got worse. It’s now 25%.
The president has asked the Chancellors to bring this number down.
11. Invites ACCFSC Sept 3, 20 box seats open for USC football Game.
12. Overall fiscal health of the University is improving.
Our challenge is still in addressing a long list of repair & maintenance requests.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were received from the floor and the following candidates were elected by acclamation:

1. Robert Bley-Vroman, Co-Chair
2. Albert Spencer, Co Chair
3. Bill Puette, Secretary

Committee Assignments:

1. Budget : Lou Zitnik , Robert Bley-Vroman, Al Spencer
2. DLAC: Bill Puette
3. Articulation: Floyd McCoy
4. Grading Harmony: Joe Chernisky
5. Banner: Lou Zitnik.

VIII. Announcements:

1. Hong Mei Chen from UHM College of Business is resigning from the ACCFSC as she will be serving for one year as the Interim Assoc, Dean in CBA.

2. Next meeting will be on Sept 16 at Kaua'i Community College. For travel email Joyce Chun in the President's office to get airline tickets; other expenses should be covered by the various campus Chancellors.

IX. Adjournment at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Puette