All-Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs
Meeting at UH Hilo,
October 21, 2005

UH Hilo Attendance: Robert Bley-Vroman (UHM); 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). Iota Cabral (UHH Ka Haka Ula)Lou Zitnik (Hawaii CC); Susan Inouye for Harry Davis (Kapiolani CC); and additional faculty representatives: Jim Tiles (UHM Faculty Senate Vice Chair).

Via Polycom: Bill Puette (UH WO); David Bangert (UHM Coll of Business); Stephen Ferreira (UHM CTAHR); Dan Kruse (Maui CC).

Guests: UH CFO Howard Todo;  Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda Johnsrud.

I. Co Chair Al Spencer called the meeting to order at 11:20 am

II. Minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2005 at Kauai Community College (1st Draft) as posted were amended and approved.

III. Committee reports:

A. DLAC (Bill Puette).
DLAC met on Friday at UHM Oct. 14. Puette was unable to attend; however, according to Hae Okimoto the issue of proctoring was discussed. University Centers ordinarily provide proctoring of exams for distance education classes but some questions have been raised arose regarding responsibility for other campus programs. 1. Who (which personnel) should proctor? 2. Where can th tests be taken. And Jene Michaud added: 3. Accommodation requirements for “special needs students” is another concern.

Are there sufficient resources at the University Centers?

Note also that 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.

The next DLAC meeting is scheduled for Nov 9 at Manoa or via polycom.

B. Grading Harmony (Joe Chernisky).
Chernisky still organizing out of disharmony. Upon a review of the policies at three Community college campuses (Windward, Honolulu and Hawai'i) there does not appear to be an issue. Likewise, after checking through the WASC reports, it seems to be a non issue at the community colleges. The issue is appears to be with Manoa only
Floyd McCoy suggested the committee check with J. Goodman from LCC for a contact in Sakamaki Hall that might help. Robert Bley-Vroman offered to check with Gen Ed committee at UHM

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

D. Banner (Harry Davis)
   No Report (Susan Inouye). He didn’t know he was on the committee
   RBV will get back to him

E. University Council on Articulation (Floyd McCoy)
   The council met October 14th and Floyd sent out a meeting summary.
   The AA Transfer Report is on line at:
   [http://www.hawaii.edu/iro/adhoc/aauhs04.pdf]
   Gaynel Buxton, however, reported that Honolulu CC feels the E5209 is a serious problem, and
   that they perceive that the direction of the revisions are moving further away from HCC
   positions. It seems the policy is to treat Community College Graduates as "New" students to the
   system for course selection by the Manoa Campus.
   The meeting summary noted, “Further description is suggested regarding the Multicampus
   agreements and how transfer of courses are handled when there is no campus to campus
   agreement.”

   UCA discussions are not yet completed on revision of ES.209. The next meeting is scheduled for
   November 10, at 2 p.m.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Timeline for Presidential search (update).
   Al Spencer reported that the response from Pres. McClain was to contact David Iha of the BOR.

B. RCUH Personnel Policies (Jim Tiles)
   No report

C. Strategic Plan (Linda Johnsud)
   The current plan goes until 2010 a Second Decade project is underway.
   Linda Johnsud reported that the additional reason we are taking on this project is because of the
   strategic impact of a number of mission change issues, e.g. Maui Community College 4 year
   degree programs; West O‘ahu expansion; West Hawaii request for more than just a University
   Center; etc. So the analytical task is to gather data and make a report.

   She will be looking at population data, DOE data, capacity information from the campuses,
   workforce needs; zip codes of students etc.

   When a report is ready she’ll start with an information briefing to the BOR and then take it on
   road for more input. It will not come to the board before January.
Dan Kruse asked: What is the long term Vision of where is the University is going to be? Linda Johnsrud responded that since the current administration is “interim” no strategic plan is in order yet. She is trying to look at State needs to prepare for that future.

D. UARC Update (Robert Bley-Vroman)
Debate over the proposal to establish a Navy UARC is ongoing. The Manoa Faculty Senate is planing to vote on whether to oppose UARC when it meets next Wednesday. A Special UHM senate committee is working on a report. It is hoped a recommendation for the President will be ready by the November BOR meeting.

Question: Would Admin go ahead without Faculty approval. Robert Bley-Vroman responded that the UHM Chancellor is clearly waiting to hear from the senate.

Floyd McCoy: UH Association of Research Investigators has expressed support for the UARC. David Bangert asked whether UARC, is established here, would restrict other grants etc. Jim Tiles responded the answer to that question is not clear yet. Such questions have been referred to the University Council.

E. WASC Progress Report (Linda Johnsrud)
Copy of WASC UH System progress report was mailed out earlier this week by email. [www.hawaii.edu/ovppp/WASC/wasc_oct05.pdf] Please refer comments to her. By Tuesday. She needs to get feedback into Ralph Wolff’s hand by October 28.

Four issues were discussed:
• Sustaining the Working Relationship with the Board of Regents
• Continuing to Define the Organization and Role of the System Office
• Addressing the Reorganization Request for the Manoa Campus
• Defining the Scope of the Kaka'ako Campus

F. Faculty Morale Survey (Dan Kruse)
Linda Johnsrud noted that we did one in 1998 and another in 2002 (sponsored by ACCFSC) Dan Kruse brought this up at this time, believing a morale survey is something we should be doing on an ongoing basis.

Linda Johnsrud explained that the last survey was actually called “quality of worklife,” and that morale was just one factor.
if we do it now, we can apply a trend analysis..

Puette moved and Kruse seconded that ASCCFS conduct a Faculty Moral Survey After discussion the final motion was revised to read: “That the ACCFSC request the assistance of the UH Administration to conduct a Faculty Moral Survey comparable to the survey conducted in 2002 and that this survey be conducted regularly at two year intervals.”

The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
G. Emergency Plans (Al Spencer)
Al Spencer reported that Sam Callejo directed each chancellor to update their campus emergency plan.
Al suggested that the senates invite the chancellors to do a presentation on the updated plans
Floyd McCoy suggested also that we check to be sure that the plans include structural integrity issues
According to Al Spencer, the Kauai plan is a good example.

V. New Business

A. Search Committee for New VP of Academic Planning and Policy needs four members.
The convener will be Chancellor Awakuni from UHWO
Bill Puette, Gaynel Bexton, Jene Michaud and Jean Johnson volunteered to serve.

B. ACCFSC Bylaws.
Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

C. Maui Campus Resolution (Dan Kruse):
The Senate Ways and Means Committee and the House Finance Committee
Have indicated that they are considering pressure to return tax surplus instead of applying it to long-deferred educational needs. It was suggested that the faculty senates weigh in on this issue.
Maui Community College Faculty Senate, therefore, passed a resolution containing the following language:

“Whereas, years of budget reductions and under funding for education have created significant unmet needs that have resulted in growing numbers of inadequate facilities and below standard learning conditions for students in the public schools of Hawaii

Be it resolved that the MCC Academic Senate requests that the State of Hawaii tax revenues in excess of budget projections be used to enhance public education pre-kindergarten through graduate school in the areas of maintenance, infrastructure and personnel.”

Howard Todo suggested that it may be better to focus requests more.
Linda Johnsrud also suggested that such resolutions focus on infrastructure.

Al Spencer suggested that each Faculty senate pass similar resolutions.

VI. Invited Guests (Howard Todo)
University’s new Chief Financial Officer was introduced.
Now in third week of appointment.
Looking to get as much input as can from all constituencies
Please feel free to let him know issues and concerns.

VII. Members Choice
A. Jean Johnson expressed the concern of the College of Education and the Manoa Faculty Senates over the legislature’s transfer of a faculty position from one campus to another as a violation of the autonomy amendment. Apparently the two Chancellors have agreed to try to return the position back to Manoa. System Budget Office appears to have refused approval. Linda Johnsrud explained that only the State Legislature can approve or transfer positions. The President, on the other hand, can see that the money stays at Manoa.

Jim Tiles asked what WASC feels about this. Linda Johnsrud queried Ralph Wolf on the question, and ee said it does raise question of Academic integrity.

Robert Bley-Vroman also questioned if such legislative intervention violates the autonomy amendment to the State Constitution. Linda Johnsrud reported that the question has been referred to UH Counsel’s office.

VIII. Adjournment 1:15pm