

COE FACULTY SENATE – YEAR IN REVIEW

Accomplishments

- Established historical record of COE governance activities in Curriculum Resource Center.
- Utilized the web to create a complete electronic record of the work of the Congress, Senate, and its committees.
- Maintained liaison with Mānoa Faculty Senate and All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs.
- Served on the Search Committee for the UH System Vice-President of Academic Policy and Planning.
- Supported three brown bag discussions groups on the UARC proposal.
- Participated in Sexual Assault Workshop.
- In response to an issue raised by a faculty member about room security, a work request was submitted to replace jalousie windows on the first floor of Everly Hall with solid plate glass.
- Acknowledged faculty and staff for their accomplishments and honors.
- Forwarded a resolution to the Mānoa Chancellor concerning COE facilities.
- Sent a resolution to the Chancellor asking that a search begin no later than the fall for a COE Dean and that the faculty be involved in the search and selection.
- Developed a request to the Dean for support services for Senate and Committees.

Budget and Facilities Committee – Don Young, Chair

- Generated the first progress in over a decade toward a three-phase building program for the COE.
- Reviewed the biennium budget process.
- Explored with UHM possible solutions to parking situation and electrical upgrades to old buildings.
- Developed a resolution from the Senate to the Chancellor on the status of facilities, obtained approval, and forwarded the resolution to the Chancellor.

Curriculum Committee – Julie Maeda, Chair

- Reviewed five course proposal changes, recommended approval to the Senate, and forwarded the approved changes.
- Reviewed two new courses for Deaf Education and obtained approval for them.

Diversity Committee – Steve Brown, Chair

- Sponsored “A Celebration of Giving” in December assembling gifts and donations for the Child and Family Service Hawai‘i Shelters for Domestic Abuse.
- Sponsored two panels on “Effects of Tuition Hikes on Access to Higher Education.”
- Developed a Consensus Statement on the Effects of Tuition Hikes on Access to Higher Education, obtained approval for the statement from the Senate, and distributed to the UH President, Mānoa Faculty Senate, and Ka Leo.

Executive Committee – Officers and Committee Chairs

- Addressed issue raised by faculty member regarding institutional racism and sexism, met with the faculty member and developed a response to the concerns.
- Referred the issue to the Diversity Committee, charging them to prioritize this issue for their attention during the 2006-2007 Academic Year and issue monthly reports on its findings.
- Met with the Mānoa Vice-Chancellors to discuss faculty concerns about COE facilities and parking.

Fellowship Committee – Dennis McDougall, Chair

- Assisted with the pot-luck, Celebration of Giving.
- Conducted nominations and elections for the COE Awards.

Governance Committee – Beppie Shapiro, Chair

- Worked on changes for the Charter and By-Laws

Personnel Committee – Kathy Berg, Chair

- Worked on the issues involving Faculty Position No. 84191.
- Solicited nominations and facilitated review of five nominee portfolios for the BOR Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Forwarded portfolios of Anne Freese and Rhonda Black as the two nominees from the COE.

Student-Faculty Relations Committee – Milli Gorecki, Chair

- Served as faculty representative on CESA's Board.
- Mentored two students to participate in Faculty Senate Meetings.
- Working on a survey to improve student-faculty relations.

Technology Committee – Paul McKimmy, Chair

- Successfully implemented new laptop policy.
- Conducting summer inventory on audio-visual status of classrooms.
- Examined and approved software and wireless network policies.

Issues Referred to the 2006-2007 Faculty Senate

- Develop award for innovative use of technology by faculty members.
- Address issue of RTRF reduction.
- Support the work of the Diversity Committee as it addresses the issue of institutional racism and sexism.
- Get action on left turn signal at Metcalf and University.
- Improve parking facilities.
- Continue to press for improved college facilities.
- Install an appropriate sign to identify the College.
- Consider how retired faculty should be acknowledged within college facilities.
- Discuss ways of making the courtyard more conducive to student and faculty use.