Library Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes
2008-10-14

Present:
LSEB: Carlson, Cartwright, Christensen, Horie, Kellett, Lebbin, Polansky, Rutter, Saeki
LIBRARY SENATE: Dawrs, Flynn, Johson, Minatodani, Paseng, Riedy, Springer, Sung

TOTAL ATTENDEES: 17
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS: 17
NOTE: 17 voting Senate members are required for a quorum.

Convened:
10:02 am in Hamilton Library Yap Conference Room by Lebbin (Chair).

1. Minutes of 12 August 2008 meeting

It was recommended that the Aug. 12 minutes specifically refer to UH executive policy E9.215 as the policy for grant of tenure upon hire mentioned in the LPC report.

MOTION: Johnson moved to accept minutes as amended.

Motion seconded by Christensen.

MOTION APPROVED by unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

2. Reports

UHPA Representative

The final collective bargaining meeting for the Manoa campus is scheduled for Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. in the Art Auditorium. After the meetings are completed, the slideshow presentation will be placed on the UHPA Web site at http://www.uhpa.org/

MFS Representative

The next Manoa Faculty Congress will be held in conjunction with the Faculty Senate Meeting, Oct. 15, 3 p.m., in Law Classroom 2. Vice Chancellor Cutshaw will address the congress regarding the budget.

Staff Development

The Committee will meet this week to work out policy.

Chair

Johnson distributed the report received from administration at the Aug. 12 Senate meeting. An updated version of the report that delineates librarian faculty, division heads and department heads was put up on the Library Senate Web site at http://www.hawaii.edu/libsen/2008travelreport2.pdf

LSEB asked IUL Mochida if the current understanding that faculty receive $1,000 per FY for travel is a practice or a policy. LSEB has not yet received a response.

A concern was raised that if this is the policy, it may be contrary to the union contract, which states that if funds are available, more travel funding should be made available to faculty.

The question arose: Do people who are listed as executives' travel funding come from the same pool? The question was later expanded to also seek clarification on whether APT funding also came from the same pot.

A question also came up as to whether the report could list what the travel was for.

The Senate discussed possible next steps, including forming a new committee to make recommendations, using the 2006 Travel Task Force’s report as a starting point. It was suggested it would be best to have some of the Senate’s questions and concerns addressed by IUL Mochida before taking further action.

MOTION: Cartwright moved to invite IUL Mochida to one of the next two Senate meetings to answer questions concerning faculty travel.

Motion seconded by Kellett.

MOTION APPROVED by unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

Lebbin will collect question from Senate members via e-mail and send them to IUL Mochida prior to the next Senate meeting.

4. UH Executive Policy of Tenure upon Initial Appointment (E9.215)

Polansky passed out notes from the LPC meeting regarding guidelines for how tenure upon initial appointment would be implemented in the Library. The guidelines will also have to be reviewed by the UL and Personnel Officer as several steps would be implemented by the UL, Personnel Officer and screening committee. The LPC will also send the document out via e-mail to the faculty senate.

Christensen added that the Manoa Faculty Senate’s Committee on Administration and Budget is reviewing the policy and wants to recommend other restrictions be applied for executive positions that receive faculty tenure.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.
Next Senate meeting: Nov. 18, 2008, at 10 am.

Submitted by Lori Ann Saeki

LIBRARY SENATE
