Library Senate Executive Board

Meeting Minutes
2011-03-08. Yap Conference room.

<-Present:
Yati Paseng (chair); Gwen Sinclair (vice-chair/chair elect), Carol Kellett (MFS), Ruth Horie (UHPA), Stu Dawrs (Secretary), Jude Yang (Elections).
Excused: Susan Johnson (LPC), Jim Cartwright (MFS)

Convened: 10:30 a.m.

1) Approval of minutes from February 08, 2011 LSEB meeting.

2) Reports:

Chair: Paseng will attend meeting of the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs on March 18. Proposes rescheduling next full library senate meeting to April 5, 2011. Paseng will be away from April 8 through end of month. LSEB will decide later if need an April LSEB meeting.

Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: Library senate website has been updated with minutes from previous LSEB and library senate meetings.

Elections: No report.

LPC: No report.

Manoa Faculty Senate: Kellett reports that next regular meeting of Manoa Faculty Senate will take place Wednesday, March 16. Elections for library representative are currently ongoing.

UHPA: Horie reports that the PowerPoint presentation on the UH data breach and other materials from the Feb. 12, 2011 UHPA faculty representatives forum are in the members-only section:

http://www.uhpa.org/members-only/committees/Agenda Committee/february-12-2011

Ballots for the Board of Directors elections are due at the UHPA office by 4:30pm Fri., Mar. 11, 2011.

The Hawaii Labor Relations Board issued an order on Feb. 28, 2011 to the the UH Board of Regents to "cease and desist" from discriminating against employees for engaging in union activity. UH is required to post a notice informing employees of this order within 30 days. The UHPA announcement and a link to the full text of the order are on the UHPA website:

Kellett suggests posting the arbitration report on Library Faculty Senate website. Dawrs will do so.

3) Report on meeting between LSEB officers (Paseng, Sinclair and Dawrs) and Library Administration (Interim University Librarian Paula Mochida and Interim Associate University Librarians Alan Grosenheider and Kim Nakano).

Sinclair: LSEB officers requested meeting to see how library senate and administration can work together. Officers shared the library senate constitution and by-laws, and went over how library senate is supposed to interact with administration (i.e., as an advisory body). Informed Mochida, Grosenheider and Nakano that, while we can’t guarantee that there is always going to be continuity with the Library Senate Executive Board, the current LSEB represents the will of the faculty. Administration has agreed to have a representative present at all library faculty senate meetings, to foster two-way communication. Mochida mentioned at the meeting that some faculty members have expressed to her that they feel senate meetings are too contentious, and that they can’t speak openly for fear of being criticized. There is some truth to this. LSEB needs to better control meetings; need to remind people that they need to wait to be recognized and to not interrupt others.

Sinclair: I would like senate as a whole to explore the issue of how we can get more people to attend, and feel included. If there are people who don’t feel comfortable, senate needs to address this.

4) New Business: Do we want to continue same meeting schedule?

Sinclair: Maybe we should poll senate members: Should we have meetings monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or one-per-semester? Should we have meetings same day/time, or vary them to give more flexibility?

Kellett: Google Docs can be used to create a poll form that will write to an excel file. Can poll on question of frequency first, then choice of morning or afternoon, then choice of days.

Sinclair: We don’t have to meet if we don’t have to vote on something, but at the same time its hard to predict when someone might want to introduce a motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Stu Dawrs