

Minutes

University of Hawaii at Manoa Faculty Senate

November 17th, 1999

Law School Classroom 2

54 Senators were present: Belinda Aquino, Barry Baker, Horst Brandes, William Burgwinkle, Robert Cooney, John Cox, Thomas Craven, Marilyn Dunlap, Ernestine Enomoto, Andrea Feeser, Betsy Fisher, David Flynn, Agnes Fok, Patricia Fryer, Donna Fukuda, Carolyn Gotay, Emily Hawkins, Manfred Henningsen, Casey Jarman, Robert Joseph, Karl Kim, Peter Kim, Irvin King, William Lampe, Edward Laws, Bruce Liebert, Glenn Man, David McClain, Matthew McGranaghan, Chris Measures, Susan Miyasaka, Ralph Moberly, John Mount, Charles Mueller, Joseph O'Mealy, Robert Paull, Teresita Ramos, John Rieder, Stanley Saiki, Thomas Schroeder, Brent Sipes, Ann Sloat, Martha Staff, Virginia Tanji, Mary Tiles, Jane Tribble, Robert Valliant, Richard Varley, Frank Walton, Charles Weems, Joel Weiner, David Yount, Ming-Bao Yue, Sylvia Yuen.

5 Senators were excused: Iqbal Ahmed, James Dator, Nanette Judd, Laurence Kolonel, Mary Pateman, Janice Uchida, John Wendell.

10 Senators were absent : Robert Bart, William Haning, Joel Hanna, Randall Hensley, Joy Marsella, John Melish, Jane Moulin, Thomas Speitel.

5 administrators were present: Thomas Bopp, Judith Inazu, Barabara Polk, Jim Manke, Chuck Hayes

51 others signed in: Kawika Winter, David Hanlon, La Rene Despain, Paul Lineaston, Darcy Kishida, Francoise Arie, Rahul Chattergy, Kathryn Hoffman, Jerry Bentley, Ken Kipnis, Lynn Mayekawa, Kalawaia Moore, Jim Tiles, Lance Collins, Cahterine Cavaletto, Michael Harrington, Wayne Iwaka, Jean Toyama, Ryan White, Brian Trainer, John Pincince, Matt Rohrer, Kelly Miyashiro, Paul Rausch, Nell Altizer, Eldon Wegner, Sandy Davis, Mamo Kim, Dawn De Coito, Alexis Meyer, Jon Moniz, Thad Olivier, Susan Kreifels (Star Bulletin), Marcus Daniel, Ed Porter, Kahoonei Panoke, Alex Malahoff, Malia Gibson, Pi'ilani Smith, K. Akamine, Dave Karl, Antoinette Langcauon, Bob Duestechaus, Maile Shimbukuni, Kiyoshi Ikeda, Richard Nettel plus five indecipherable names.

Chair Mary Tiles opened the meeting at 3:11

1. Chair Tiles welcomed visitors to the Faculty Senate (FS) meeting and reviewed the procedures by which the meeting would be conducted, Robert's rules of order and the FS by-laws. Casey Jarman was introduced as parliamentarian who would rule on points of order. Chair Tiles asked that in order to accommodate the business at hand all remarks be addressed to the Chair, be kept brief and to the point. It was pointed out that only senators were allowed to vote and they had all been issued orange cards. At the point where new business was

entertained that proposed by Senators would be taken first then that presented by others. It was also noted that only Senators can present resolutions and those brought under new business could only be voted on today if two thirds of the senators present agreed to debate now. Otherwise these resolutions would be debated at the next FS meeting.

With regard to the reports that students were harassed and heckled during the Faculty Congress held on November 10th, Chair Tiles stated that although other comments may have been heard at the back they were not audible at the front of the hall and order was maintained in the meeting despite statements to the contrary. With regard to the reports of an incident that took place outside the meeting after the conclusion of the Congress meeting, Chair Tiles said that it was regrettable that this had occurred and harassment of any kind was not condoned.

2. The minutes of the Faculty Senate's October 20th, 1999 meeting were approved unanimously by voice vote without amendments.

3. Chair Tiles reported that the SEC was investigating the issue of the Manoa Chancellorship by reviewing the 1984 report on this issue and had also talked to several individuals who had been involved in the Chancellorship to obtain their views on the problems associated with the position. From these meetings it was becoming clear that systemic change would be needed rather than a mere changing of names and titles.

The CAB sub-committee has been meeting with the Council of Deans and Directors' budget committee and participating in a process looking at the budget allocations to all Manoa units. This process is ongoing and a more detailed report will be presented at the next FS meeting.

Chair Tiles stated that while everyone may have different ideas about what was needed in the core it was important to find a coherent middle ground that everyone can live by. She explained that attempts to reform the core in the past where incompatible elements had been stuck together had failed, this task force had not done that but instead had reached a series of compromises. It was also important to remember that there are other constraints, such as the accreditation body (WASC) and the ability of students to transfer in from both the Community College system and mainland schools.

4. Manfred Henningsen presented a resolution from the Committee on Academic Policy and Planning (CAPP) on the reorganisation of CTAHR. It was pointed out that the reorganisation had been approved by the Faculty involved and did not appear to be controversial. In response to a question, it was pointed out that as the resolution came from a standing committee of the FS it did not need a second. The question was called and the resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Caroline Gotay, deputising for Janice Uchida, chair of the Committee on Faculty Service (CFS), presented a resolution recommending independent representation of Outreach College on the FS. It was explained that currently Outreach College was represented as part of the College of Education however the differing goals of these organisations made it preferable

that the representations should be separated. In answer to questions from the floor, it was explained that constituencies were represented by one Senator for each 30 Faculty with a minimum of one senator. It was unknown what effect this change would have on the number of senators representing the College of Education but that the whole issue of Senate seat distribution needed to be looked at next year by CFS since significant demographic changes had occurred in units due to budget cuts and retirements. Since this vote involved a change in the by-laws of the Senate it would only pass if a majority of the 69 seat Senate approved. Senators, who had been provided with orange cards for voting, were then asked to hold them up to determine the number of senators actually present in the room (54). The question was called and was passed (by show of cards) with 37 votes in favour, 8 opposed and 4 abstentions.

6. Chair Tiles then stated that the next item of business would be a final report on the Faculty Senate's Task Force on the reform of the core general education requirement. It was further pointed out that since resolutions arising from this report had not yet been finalised there would be no votes taken on the recommendations arising from the report today.

Eldon Wegner, Chair of the Task Force, then made a presentation to the Senate on the history of the process leading up to the current report. Included was the history of the process by which the Faculty Senate set up the task force and how the membership of the committee was selected at the September 1998 Faculty Senate meeting. The impetus for the setting up of the committee was briefly reviewed: the UH Manoa Core was approximately 50% larger than at other Research 1 universities and it was felt that this was a bar to attracting and retaining qualified undergraduate students.

The task force held seven fora between Jan 7th and Feb 9th, 1999. The results of these fora were incorporated into detailed statements formulated by the task force which were then circulated amongst the UH Manoa community. A further four fora were held to obtain feedback on these ideas, which was then used to modify and clarify the language in the proposals. The end result of this process is the report presented to the Senate today. He noted that there had been complaints from student leaders that there had been insufficient student input to the Task Force. In response it was pointed out the Task Force had gone to great lengths to obtain student input through, amongst other things, several front page articles published in Ka Leo as well as participation in the Task Force by 3 ASUH senators during the Spring of 1999. However, in the Fall of 1999 repeated requests from the Task Force to the new leadership of ASUH for continued student representation had gone unanswered. A summary of the changes in the Core General Education requirements was then presented. The senate was informed that in addition to the printed copies, the full text of the report was available on the FS web site at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/>

Robert Paull then proposed a motion thanking the members of the Core Reform Task Force for the work that the committee had put in to producing the report. The motion was seconded. Since it was necessary to suspend the rules in order to pass a vote of thanks, a card vote was taken to suspend the rules. The rules were suspended, and the motion of thanks was passed by unanimous voice vote.

7. Chair Tiles then pointed out that there were two procedures for getting resolutions on the FS agenda for its December 8th meeting. Resolutions could be submitted to the SEC which would then decide which resolutions would be placed on the agenda for the next FS meeting. Alternately senators could propose resolutions at the current meeting under new business. In the case of resolutions presented under new business, they would normally be discussed and voted on at the next FS meeting following their introduction unless 66% of the senators present agreed to an immediate discussion and vote on the resolution.

Robert Paull asked if the governance issues pertaining to the core would be on the agenda for the next FS meeting. Chair Tiles said that if the changes in the core pass then a committee will be appointed to work out the governance process and that committee will then return to the FS with resolutions to implement the recommended process.

8. Andrea Feeser asked if the Senate would support a call for fora to address issues that had led to the incident on November 10th, specifically the issues of race, indigenous rights and ethnic heritage. It was pointed out that for this to occur a resolution would need to be moved now in order to ensure its discussion at the next FS meeting. Senator Feeser instead decided to frame a resolution later and pass it to the SEC for consideration. It was pointed out to her that the SEC, depending on its goals for the next FS meeting, might decline to place items on the agenda.

9. Under new business, Karl Kim presented a resolution to the Senate concerning the Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) plans to erect a 138 kV powerline along Wa'ahila Ridge. He asked that the Senate take a vote to enable discussion and voting on this resolution at this meeting since the deadline for comments to be provided to HECO was December 7th, the day prior to the next FS meeting. A count of senators determined that 47 were present, a vote to permit discussion and voting on the resolution at this FS meeting was deemed passed when 43 votes were cast in favour of taking up the motion.

Karl Kim then read the motion which expresses the opposition of the Manoa FS to the construction of the power line. He pointed out that there would be both short term disruption to the campus during construction as well as long term disruption to cultural practices and research on the ridge from the project. A friendly amendment to the resolution concerning transmission of the resolution to HECO and various local authorities involved in the permitting process was accepted by the proposer without a vote. Pi'i Smith, Chair of ASUH, urged Senators to support the resolution. The question was called and the resolution passed with 42 votes in favour, none opposed, 5 abstentions.

10. Mamo Kim, Chair of GSO, then addressed the FS. She complained that students were not being consulted on the resolutions that were being submitted to the FS; she also claimed that when students presented alternative and unpopular perspectives on issues they were "rebuffed in a most intimidating, demeaning and unprofessional manner". She then addressed the FS on her perspective of the differential rights of students and faculty with regard to free speech. A series of claims were made relating to an alleged incident that occurred after the Faculty

Congress, including a claim that more than 50 faculty witnessed a threatened rape of one student and a physical assault on two other students and yet did nothing to intervene. It was requested that the Faculty Senate initiate an investigation of the incident and the Faculty member alleged to be involved in it. Chair Kim asked that Chair Tiles rescind her statement to the press that there had been no apparent disruptive behaviour at the Faculty Congress. The FS was also asked to issue a statement supporting student rights and conciliation between faculty and students at a press conference. The FS were also asked to request that the administration and the BOR that A9.920 be adopted immediately as UH policy.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Measures
Secretary