Chair Michael Forman called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05

AGENDA

Adoption of the minutes

Patsy Fujimoto corrected an error in her remarks on page 5. She noted that the Dental Hygiene program was concerned about losing positions (not students).

Corrected minutes passed by voice vote.

Chair’s Report

Mike Forman discussed the positive interactions that have been occurring on the ACCFSC. There remain concerns about the group remaining a council not a senate. Most recently, some of the leadership of the ACCFSC has been meeting by telecom to set the agenda for the larger group. There is a possibility that they may expand this once the group gets comfortable with it. The group is also organizing subcommittees. They have been working on more effective agenda strategy. There are efforts to routinize communication. There is also a group working on evaluating administrators.

SEC, and others on campus, have been meeting with WASC group on campus to review our status with reference to the last accreditation visit.

SEC has been meeting bi-weekly with the Chancellor. Forman noted that Chancellor Englert feeds us many tasks, especially committee assignments. Most recently, SEC has been involved in the interview of Dean candidates.

He then introduced Chancellor Englert.

UH Manoa Chancellor Peter Englert

Chancellor Englert noted the four highlights in the day of a Chancellor. His morning began with a meeting to discuss the securing of nuclear materials because of Homeland
Security issues. This was followed by the WASC meeting. Followed by the debriefing of the group accrediting the School of Social Work. Finally, he received a copy of the auditor’s report. He feels this is a very important document.

Chancellor Englert then went on to read prepared remarks. These remarks can be found in full on his website:
http://www.hawaii.edu/admin/englert/

The report can also be found at the UHM Faculty Senate Website
http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/

**Question and Answer Session:**

Ron Bontekoe asked Chancellor Englert about the implementation of the plus minus grading.

Chancellor Englert said that the document has and is undergoing some “consulative processes.” The proposal then went through his management team. He wants to have a final discussion with students. Chancellor Englert will then make a decision about whether it will be implemented.

Steve Martell from Geology and Geophysics asked about the WASC meetings.

Chancellor Englert does not see any major issues that have been brought to his attention, but he met with them very early in their visit. There will be a full report by the end of the day tomorrow.

Robert Bley-Vroman noted that in meeting our financial obligations in a time of reduced financial support from the state, he had promised no “across the board cuts.”

Chancellor Englert wanted to make clear that there will be no across the board cuts, since that only postpones the hard decisions by slow deterioration. This campus comes together to determine which areas make up the campus, as well as in which areas we would not want to continue efforts. He anticipates that the process will be difficult but that we need to be firm in doing that.

Chris Measures from Oceanography raised a concern about a revision that Chancellor Englert made to a document on the return of overhead. He thought it was altered after a meeting in which there was agreement on the wording..

Chancellor Englert noted that he took one word out. The issue revolves around the need to justify RTRF year-end carryovers greater than $250,000. The change is something that he feels very comfortable about.
Ropbert Paull noted that over the past 20 years the faculty have felt that the administration have not been completely honest. Specifically, staff in his office are not consistently open and truthful.

Chancellor Englert is not sure what your experience has been in the past. Whatever is coming out of his office now should be truthful.

Paull followed by asking if staff that lied should be fired?

Chancellor Englert is not afraid to say that there must be accountability. We must be straightforward.

Robert Blust asked a question about the issue of how the university was planning to handle fewer resources from the state.

Chancellor Englert sees two areas of possible revenue. The first area involves increases in enrollment. “Please make sure that students that want to come, can come.” The increase in student enrollment has helped enormously. Adding students does not cost except marginally. Can’t continue that endlessly, however. We have to determine how large we really want to grow.

Secondly, looked in two additional areas. Resource growth from research is relatively good. Teaching could add to revenue generation. An appeal to donors especially in the liberal arts areas is also being considered. Donors have strong affinity for this. UHM also needs to get our head together to do a “foreign policy.” We have to appeal to other regions, particularly Asia. There scholarships to support such an initiative The Board of Regents has also requested that we review fee waiver policy. Recruiting foreign students who would pay full tuition or would secure federal money for scholarships might help. Currently, the US has an image problem, and this initiative could be help to the country at a time that it needs it.

Other areas of money raising are also being explored. Technology can bring in money to the state; we have some daunting promises made in this area. Any activities that create new relationships and new industries are going to be helpful in creating revenues. We have to be inventive. We have to be profitable.

Finally, there is a recent positive development in the area of biotechnology research. This will be announced soon; this is an enormous boost….an “enormous plus for research.”

Finally, Chancellor Englert noted that creating new revenue in foreign students takes time. You will see this in 1 1/2 to 2 years. We must have no illusions that this will be a quick fix; however, we must take it on.
Debra Drexler asked about the question of bringing in new students, since we have a shortage of classes for students. “We have just heard that we are likely to lose our lecturer budget cuts.” How do we bring more students in if we don’t have the classes.

Chancellor Englert said that across the campus we have capacity. It may vary by the department. “We are very efficiently staffed.” More broadly, we are at the margin of what is acceptable in terms of our funding support. We have lived off predominantly off state support, but these revenues are declining. “That is not something I am astonished about. We have just made do.” Historically, we cut across the board, but “we cannot do that any more.” WASC asked us in 1999, to prioritize.

Chris Measures returned to the issue about the change in the RTRF memo, and noted that he respectfully disagreed with Englert’s assessment of the situation. Measures is disturbed that the word was struck out, and he feels that the lack of budget information may leading us into problems. We need to understand how money is being spent at the upper administration level.

Chancellor Englert thanked him very much.

**There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45**