Minutes

UHM Faculty Senate
Meeting of October 16, 2002
Wm S Richardson School of Law, Classroom 2

Present:

Excused
Denise Antolini, Cristina Bacchilega, Martha Crosby, Eric DeCarlo, Stacey Marlow, Irwin Schatz, Kelley Withy, Halina Zaleski.

Absent:
G.D. Bryant-Greenwood, Catherine Cavaletto, James Cowen, Katalin Csiszar, Patricia Fryer, Robert Grace, Roberta Lamb, John Melish, Neal Milner, Jeffrey Okamoto, Robert Paull, David Sanders, Dan Spears

Others in Attendance:
Kathy Ferguson, Sandy Davis, Belinda Aquino, Chuck Hayes, Susan Johnson, Steve Itoga, Tom Ramsey, Paul Brandon, Jerry Meredith, Andrew Fegan, Ian Cooke, Sen-on Chang, George Wilkens, David Duffy, Barbara Yee, Peter Manicas, Jim Tiles, Greg Moore, Martha Staff, Bruce Liebert, Sherwood Maynard, Joel Werner, David Ross, Denise Konan, Virginia Tanji, Kathryn Takara, Joanne Cooper, Wendy Pearson, Ken Kipnis, Joanne Cooper, Emanuel Drechsel, Lyle Webster, Karl Kim

Chair Mike Forman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10.
1. The minutes of the September 18, 2002 meeting were approved with one abstention.

2. Chair’s Report:

Chair Forman noted that senate meetings are generally the third Wednesday so Senators should probably anticipate these as the dates.

He then noted that SEC has been very busy on issues of academic freedom and campus safety. There is a concern about drinking on campus, particularly in the dorms. Chancellor Englert is taking this “firmly in hand..” Dorm use may change. One of the concerns is that those who deal with substance abuse on campus receive very few comments from faculty about this as a problem with their students. Forman speculated that students don’t come to our classes in that state. Nonetheless, they are looking to us for help and ideas. The Chancellor has said that the status quo is not acceptable and things are going to change.

3. Motion for approval of GEC and subsidiary Board memberships.

Chair Forman then asked the Senate to review the new and current appointments to the GEC and the various foundation boards. He noted that the way the various curriculum documents are structured, these SEC appointments need to be approved by the Senate. He then asked the Senate to approve these appointments.

Ron Bontekoe has raised a “pet peeve.” Ron noted that there is no one from the Philosophy Department on the CEI focus board. Chair Forman noted that this could be addressed in future appointments. He further noted that a member of the Philosophy Department serves on the SEC.

Vote:
For: 37
Against: 0
Abstain: 1
Approved

4. Resolutions

CAPP - Resolution Relating to Naval ROTC

Paul Chandler presented the resolution from CAPP. Paul noted that some members of CAPP have problems with the resolution. There are issues with the curriculum;” it comes from Alabama.” There is also the military policy of “Don’t ask, don’t tell.”
Which means that openly gay or lesbian students may not participate in ROTC. Further, if they come out while in the program, they lose their stipend and their scholarship. Finally, there is the backdrop of an impending war.

Karl Kim noted that the Naval ROTC was established in 1926. There are agreements that allow students from other campuses to participate in the program. “It’s sort of an extra-curricular program.” You can’t get a degree. It’s not like a typical academic program. They do provide good support for students: both a stipend and tuition. Does provide career training for those who want a Navy career. SAT requirements are higher. Students must take courses on our campus. It is a way to provide scholarships. He concluded, that “We are in the process of filing the application. We need to consult with the BOR.”

Jeanne Oka asked about the credits for the military science courses and whether or not they can be used towards a degree or degrees. Kim responded that they earn credits for the ROTC courses. “It affects their GPA.” Oka noted that you could end up with a considerable number of these credits if they start off as a freshman. Do those credits get treated as as elective credits? Kim didn’t know the answer.

Robert Bley-Voyman asked whether the University will be subsiding the program. He specifically asked about the cost of a secretary. Kim responded that it would cost $50,000 and the University would have to provide space. Will require more space? more parking? asked Bley-Vroman. Kim said they were exploring the sharing of existing ROTC space, and that they faculty won’t seek upper campus parking.

Kathy Ferguson asked to speak, and indicated that she could imagine four reasons to oppose this proposal. She referred to research on ROTC curricula that found the curriculum as very narrow by academic standards. “It’s about big men and big wars.” It is essentially, an “uninspired curriculum and pedagogy.”

She also felt that this is a recruiting mechanism for the military.

It also a program that perpetuates a homophobic atmosphere on campus.

She concluded, “I’m really sympathetic to those looking for money. I urge us to look at this money. It comes with real strings.” She argued that many contend that careful analyses of these offers often show that Universities often have to pay more than they expect. She concluded: “The military is the tail that’s wagging this dog.”

Joan Peters spoke in support of these perspectives. She’s particularly worried about “don’t ask don’t tell.”
Matt McGranagan noted that the 50K amount was staggering.

Lynne Wilkens asked “If we disallow this, what do we do with the two such programs we currently have?”

Christine Yano asked if “don’t ask don’t tell” was the rule was the case for the other units.

Meda Chesney Lind said that she know of at least one UHM student who had lost their stipends and scholarships when he came out as gay.

Douglas Bomberg asked, “Can the others be eliminated?”

David Flynn asked “Why are the other programs considered successful?” Karl Kim noted that “Absolute numbers are one major measure.” Wendy Pearson noted that there have been competitions; it’s not just based on numbers. UHM ROTC has done well in national competitions.

Jeanne Oka has many connections with the military, but she has problem with the awarding of academic credits for these courses.

Luciano Minerbi asked if they can take courses without getting credit? Can the UHM be a place for them to come?

Karl Kim noted that the students are admitted to other programs. “You cannot get a degree in military science here.” In addition, you have to take their military courses. He is not aware as to how many college’s review the issue of the role of these credits towards regular majors. “It does offer student support, but it does come at a price.”

Ron Bontekoe asked how old the existing ROTC programs where. No one was sure, but they have been here for decades.

Matt McGranagan asked if we had quorum. A count was made and the meeting had a quorum.

Frank Sansone objects to giving the Navy control over courses that then contribute to our degrees. He also felt that having the University condone the Navy’s discrimination on the basis of sexual preference would send the wrong message.
Frank Sansone called the question:
For: 30
Against: 1
Abstain: 3

Vote on the resolution:
For: 10
Against: 19
Abstain: 6

The Resolution Failed.

5. Committee Reports

CSA - Faculty Ambassador Program

Kathy Ferguson addressed the group on the Faculty Ambassador Program. The Program has become a part of the UHMFS Committee on Student Affairs. UHPA, the President’s Office, and the UH Community Foundation have helped to provide funding for both administrative assistance and a few receptions.

Ferguson noted that the purpose of the program was “to share enthusiasm with our colleges in the high schools to help recruit students. Hoping to recruit 100 faculty to share enthusiasm about higher education. “Help the kids to imagine themselves as college students. She noted that the program is working closely with student affairs (and particularly those involved in recruitment) so as to enrich and not duplicate that work.

Members of the Senate will be getting this message via e-mail. There is a reception coming up, College Hill, Nov. 13th, 6-7:30 to kick-off the program.

Luciano Minerbi suggested that the presentations would be most effective if faculty could bring along graduate students who look like the students you will be addressing (e.g. diverse. Ferguson thought it was a great idea. She will be asking the faculty to take that initiative and invite a student along. “We are a low maintenance operation.”

Liz Tam asked if there is a script or a sound bite. Ferguson responded that “we have a list of successful activities.” She teaches a model class. She gives them a syllabus. “I teach them for 20 minutes.” She hopes the program can show students that “If they can do high school well, they can do college. It’s the next step.” We are not directly selling
UH, but we hope that bodes will for UH.

6. Other business

Matt McGranagan asked about the academic freedom issue. “What are you finding?”

Mike Forman noted that “There are two places where there is clearly a policy. The UHPA contract plus student grievance process. Lynn Wikens mentioned a third site: the strategic plan. She noted, however, that the faculty senate has never passed a resolution on academic freedom. She thinks that there is need for the faculty senate to craft a statement that covers the entire campus, not simply particular subgroups. Mike Forman noted that we are also working on a campus event. “We’ve discovered that not everyone is always clear about what they should do.” “Some people don’t know their roles and responsibilities” with reference to both academic freedom and campus safety. He continued that there may be a need to spread the information about both new and existing policies.

Marion Melish asked about the loyalty oath. Meda Chesney Lind noted that she believed that the requirement has been repealed.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meda Chesney-Lind  
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Richardson School of Law Classroom 2
October 16, 2002 - Wednesday (following 3PM Congress)

AGENDA

1. Adoption of September 18, 2002 Minutes

2. Chair's Report

3. Motion for approval of GEC and subsidiary Board memberships (see attachment)

4. Resolutions

   CAPP - Resolution Relating to Naval ROTC

5. Committee Reports

   CSA - Faculty Ambassador Program

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment