Manoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes of October 14, 2002

Present: Denise Antolini, Meda Chesney-Lind, Martha Crosby, David Flynn, Michael Forman, Frank Sansone, Mary Tiles, and Charlotte Mitsutani.

Chair Mike Forman called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 10/7/02 were approved.

2. Chair's Report

   AD&D Meeting - Englert's consultation letter was discussed. "Pink slip" letters are being handled by Dobelle's office, not Englert's. Englert's follow-up Dean/Director evaluations will focus on their plans for the future. The university branding committee gave their report, which had many errors in its use of the Hawaiian language; Mike will be involved in the future to prevent this problem reoccurring.

   MMT Meeting - The campus has a severe alcohol problem, a lesser marijuana problem, and a relatively small hard drug problem. Alternative activities for students on weekend evenings are being developed. The SEC discussed ways to increase faculty awareness of the problem and how to refer students to available counseling resources. Mike will discuss this as part of the Chair's report at the upcoming Senate meeting.

   Resolution: Ethics and Oral Communication in General Education - This resolution came from the CTAHR Faculty Senate. However, Tom Hilgers has explained that the 300-level course requirement is based on WASC guidelines. The resolution will be sent to CAPP for review if CTAHR wishes to continue supporting it, despite its conflict with WASC regulations.

3. GEC/SEC Letter

   Ruth Tsujimura, Office of General Counsel, will be looking over the letter before it is returned to the SEC for signing.

4. Academic Freedom

   Denise will relay to CPM the results of the SEC / Englert meeting of 10/9/02, specifically the conclusion that this is a matter of both academic freedom and freedom from workplace violence. The Chancellor's office is taking action on the specific incident in question. The Chancellor does not expect CPM to run a workshop on the former issue, but rather to make recommendations on how existing policies on both issues could be improved or be better implemented.

5. Committee Reports

   GEC - Mike reported that HCC appears to be ready to accept both the GEC's role in defining hallmarks and the need for the GEC and its Boards to assess HCC courses for meeting Manoa core requirements. The SEC feels that faculty-to-faculty meetings (by discipline) may be the best means of resolving problems across campuses and for establishing agreements.

   CA - Meda reported that CA is reviewing the NCAA draft report given to the SEC by Doris Ching last week.
CAB - Frank reported that CAB will meet on 10/18/02 with the administration to discuss the budget and RTRF.

CAPP - Mary reported that CAPP minutes have been circulated to SEC members. The NROTC resolution should be ready for the upcoming Senate meeting. The JABSOM reorganization is being examined, particularly its effect on courses taken by Natural Sciences students. CAPP decided that individual units should address degree residency requirements at their level, rather than at the campus level.

CFS - David reported that CFS will be informed of the SEC's nomination of Gert deCouet and Greg Steward to the Chancellor's committee to plan an Institute on Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics.

CSA - Meda reported that information on the Faculty Ambassadors Program will be presented at the upcoming Senate meeting.

6. Agendas for 10/16/02

Congress
Adoption of minutes
President Dobelle
Other business
Adjournment

Senate
Adoption of minutes
Chair's report
Motion from SEC: GEC / Foundation Boards membership
Naval ROTC resolution
Faculty Ambassadors Program
Other business
Adjournment

7. Other Business

Senate Budget - Frank reported that the Senate's supplemental budget has been sent to Karl Kim. This budget was approved by Peter Englert at his meeting with the SEC on 10/9/02.

Letters from Joel Fischer and Noel Kent requesting investigation of President Dobelle - Possible responses were discussed. The SEC noted that, while the Senate is not an investigative body (and thus is not able to conduct the action requested in these letters), it is actively pursuing the establishment of budget and operational transparency. The resulting dissemination of information will help enable those persons or organization that are equipped to investigate to more clearly understand what is happening at the university. Mike will draft a response letter.

The next SEC meeting will be held on Monday, 10/21/02 at 3:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Sansone