

Caucus meeting: November 14, 2009: Leeward Community College

New attendees:

Kanoë Case from Hawaii Community College

Bethany from Kauai Community College with Moksha

Pre-meeting discussion:

Student Caucus representative to the RCAC: Selection Committee for Student Regents

Ho`omano Pakele:

We would like it to be a Caucus member. We have made the recommendations within the delegation, and open it up for other. Jan Javinar suggested a list, but we wanted to make it a member of Caucus and work within the time constraint.

Karen Lee:

Regents Candidate Advisory Council created by law to vet the Regents applicants, send list of candidates to the Governor. The Caucus has a representative of this initial screening committee. At the retreat, Ginger came and talked to us about the process but she has since resigned. At this current time, we have no liaison from Caucus to that committee. The committee has already met once or twice. My guess is that the committee meets two or three times when they have openings; right now they have 2-3 positions open, and will probably meet once more per year.

The person that we appoint will have the position until 2011. We cannot nominate anybody who has been on the executive committee of Caucus in the past 5 years.

Mike Sado:

The RCAC is made of one member is appointed by President of the Senate, Speaker of House, Governor, co-chairs of faculty senate council from all UH Campuses, Caucus, Chairperson for Association of Emeritus Regents, one members will be appointed by University of Hawaii Alumni Association.

As far as we know, there has been no selection of the student Regent. If we want to

Ho`omano Pakele:

The Executive Committee has nominated the following candidates:

Dove, Moksha, Ali and Megan

Moksha McClure:

I applied for the Student Regent position, and therefore I might be ineligible.

Ali Vendeth:

I accept.

Megan Chock:

I respectfully decline.

Dove Atherall:

I accept.

Ho`omano:

We will vote with Karen Lee. We will announce the results during the regular meeting.

December Legislative Training

Ho`omano Pakele:

We are still pending HCC to host the meeting on December 5, 2009. We would like to make this date strictly a legislative training, with no meeting. There will be a suggested agenda. So far, we would like to have guest speakers Senator Jill Tokuda, Representative Jerry Chang and their vice-chairs from the Senate and House Higher Education Committees. We want to start off with a mock session, with everyone working on his/her own testimony to get an experience of what we will be doing at the State Capitol. We will be able to talk with our guest speakers during lunch and discuss what we have learned. After lunch, we will talk about bill tracking through the state capitol website. These are the things that we are tentatively looking at for the legislative training. This is only a one-day meeting, and we could only fit so much in between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Moksha McClure:

During the Community College seminar, we discussed that a lot of us cannot take our issues to a higher level because there is a lack of resources. I'd like to learn more about the accreditation process, and hear from student advocates that really made a difference and were able to facilitate change in their systems. I'd like for us to have as a goal to put together a handbook that can be passed on to our successors.

Bethany Compton:

An issue that I would like to discuss is to increase the amount of student seats on these committees.

Matt Williams:

Perhaps we could create an adhoc committee to create a handbook for the legislative handbook.

Megan Chock:

I will pass on the contact information from the Public Access Room, and also some students who have been successful.

Legislative Goals:

Hawaii Community College:

Mike Sado:

We are going to be meeting from our Chancellor.

Leeward Community College:

Keo:

We would like to build an access road to our campus, because right now there is only one access road; we want to make a second access road that goes around Waipahu High School, but there is an issue with the rail station and the tracks go right over the proposed second access road.

Ali:

I heard on the news the other day that it took 3 hours to evacuate the campus after a bomb threat. That would be something you should mention.

Windward Community College:

Ali:

Nothing right now.

Kauai Community College:

Moksha McClure:

We would like an international student dorm.

Kapiolani Community College:

Duane:

We are working on the radiology department, but that is on the federal level, so we have no current legislative priorities.

UH Hilo:

G:

Our College of Hawaiian Language is a growing program that still does not have a building.

GSO:

Matt Williams:

GSO is going to offer testimony on the budget cuts.

UH Manoa:

December 1, 2009 rally at the capitol, and the resolution before you asking for equal budget restrictions throughout the educational system.