MEETING #7
Saturday, February 28, 2015
Maui College

MINUTES

Attendees:
UH Hilo: Melinda Alles & Gabriela Cajandig
Manoa, ASUH: Kelly Zakimi
Manoa, GSO: Bret Polopolus-Meredith & Adrenelle Copeland
Hawaii CC: Cherisse Souza & Stacey Kuumoo
Honolulu CC: Gerimi Tangonan
Kapiolani CC: William Arenivas
Kauai CC: Allison Domenden (Napua) & Robin Matutina
Leeward CC: Trong Dang & Tyler Del Rosario
UH Maui College: Dannette Arrojo & Lynette Le Tendre
UH West Oahu: Sara Perry & Ryan Sommer
Windward CC: Donita Garcia & Michele Osurman

Advisor Jan Javinar

Guests:
Sabrina Duvauchelle (sd25@hawaii.edu), Molokai CC
Ekolu Ah Yee (ekolu@hawaii.edu), Molokai CC
Precious Asuncion (pa30@hawaii.edu), Molokai CC
Cynthia Foreman, Maui College - Student Government Faculty Advisor
Tasha Kama, Maui College
Tasana-Rae Lasco, Maui College
Antoinette Castillo Nascimento, Maui College
Danette, Lau-Ross, Maui College
Crystal Kaauwai, Maui College
Cathy Bio, Maui College – Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Desired Outcomes:
- Understanding of tasks to accomplish this meeting by members
- Agreement on list of actions to take
- Commitment for Legislative testimony when called upon
- Statements and Resolutions begun and/or finished

I. Opening: Meeting started at 9:05AM
   A. Introduction of new individuals & guests
   B. Welcome from Maui College Chancellor Lui Hokonoa

II. Student Fee Policy – Executive Policy, EP 6.2xx (Mandatory Student Fees)
   A. Appendix 1d
      1. Five student governments do not have a fee because they currently derive resources from the Student Activity fee. These student governments may need to repurpose the Student Activity fee or create a separate Student Government fee.
   B. Plan: President Lassner to sign the policy in March
III. Legislation Updates
A. Jan passed out a list of legislative bills that UH is tracking
B. Need to get a hearing for HB 552 (BOR Composition) in the Finance Committee
   1. Caucus members need to call and email the Finance Chair & Vice-Chair to get a hearing
      and need to ask others to do the same
C. Other bills to follow/possibly support:
   1. HB 487 (Aloha Grant Bill)
   2. HB 52 (Selective Service Registration Awareness and Compliance Act)
   3. HB 96 (Office of the Ombuds at Manoa)
   4. SB 707 (Sustainability Office)
D. Fighting Tuition Increases: should strategize to lobby the Board of Regents rather than the
   legislature
   1. Refer to Executive Policy 6.201

IV. Caucus Transition/Training
A. Comments Made in Large Group Discussion: Review, Assess, Ideas for adding summer meetings,
   discuss with Jan any issues. Address transitioning?
   1. Transitioning should be solid among campuses first – we don’t function as a system
      student government, but each campus’ student government chooses the representatives.
      Individual campuses, for example, should have elections held before the school year ends
      and Caucus delegates selected before the next school year begins.
   2. Transition is important for Caucus to have a sense of continuity – for the past few years,
      it’s taken about a semester to get things rolling.
   3. Summer meetings would help members get experience and training before the year
      officially starts & enables Caucus to be proactive (possibility of drafting state bills before
      the legislative session)
   4. Ideas to make transitioning Caucus position at a campus level easier:
      - Have Senators (who you think might continue to the next year) come to a
        Caucus meeting to gain experience
      - Set extra money aside in student government budget to send an additional
        person to meetings to get him/her exposed to Caucus
      - Transition binders – go through the binder with incoming representatives to help
        train them
      - Leadership training during the summer to bring students from all campuses
        together and provide training on the legislative process.
      - In our own student governments meetings, we can update our own governments
        about what we accomplish and what we are working on in Caucus
B. Feedback from Small Groups Regarding Caucus Transition: How do we as individual student
   governments ease the transition to Caucus?
   1. By-Laws & Constitution
      - Review By-Laws and Constitution
      - Understand purpose of Caucus
   2. Possible summer meetings (add a pre-Caucus meeting to understand what is
      needed earlier)
      - Dissect Constitution & By-Laws
   3. Advocacy
      - Teach what the legislative procedures are and building upon that foundation,
        give training to the members, and have someone knowledgeable train
        representatives before coming to Caucus
      - Visit the State Capitol and visit an island council member
      - Another option: use technology to meet (Skype of Polycom)
   4. Neighbor Island Options:
- Look at campus student government Constitution and By-Laws to possibly allocate monies for Caucus summer meetings
- Implement term to cover summer session(s)

5. **Packet/Syllabus**
- Outline what the objectives of Caucus are, what is expected of delegates, etc.
- Report of previous year(s): what was accomplished, ideas on what still needs to be done, what worked, what didn’t work, etc.
- Compile resources and documents that can be accessed frequently throughout the year as a resource

C. Sara will email homework tasks on transition

**V. Lunch and Facilities Tour**

**VI. Group Discussion**

A. Ideas to Further Transparency/Student Voice Initiative
   1. Have space for student governments to give a report at the BOR meetings
   2. Resolution encouraging BOR to put students on all Higher Ed Committees

B. Initiative on Taxed Travel Update
   1. Refer to Executive Policy AP 8.561 – System Student Affairs is attempting to introduce language about stipends
   2. Right now, not needing to be reported to IRS through system but we are supposed to self-reporting
   3. According to federal law, students need to report any additional resource (like stipends) to Financial Aid Office. The law has always been there, but now with Kuali, they are able to track it more efficiently.

**VII. Housekeeping**

A. Announcements
   1. Next Meeting: 3/28/15 @ UH Hilo/HawCC
   2. President Lassner is coming to the Caucus meeting in March
   3. Sustainability Summit: 2/26 – 2/28/15
   4. Elect Her: 3/14/15, 10:30Am – 4:00PM @ Manoa’s Campus Center Executive Dining Room – Kelly will send out registration link again
   5. May Caucus Meeting: moving meeting date to June and date is TBD

B. Campus Reports
   1. **Maui College:**
      a. Talent Show on March 12
      b. Elections from April 1-10
      c. Student Appreciation on April 28
      d. Kuka Kuka (Talk Story) on March 18 and May 4th
      e. Teacher Appreciation in May

   2. **Leeward Community College:**
      a. Elections next month and applications are due March 13
      b. Everything going smoothly and serving as much as possible

   3. **UH Hilo:**
      a. New online system for elections
      b. Campus Center can’t hire any more positions so they don’t have the funds. They are coming to the CSOs to pay for the new person. Mindy will send out questions to each campus regarding the position to see if there’s justification for a new fiscal person.
      c. Trying to get a paid advisor
d. Tuition Issue – petition to lower tuition; will disseminate the petition

4. **ASUH Manoa:**
   a. Elections: campaigning starts in March and Elections are in April
   b. UPASS: finally finished negotiations with the state to continue the UPASS Program and will present at the March BOR meeting
   c. Also going to present to the BOR to approve a new financial advisor for ASUH’s investment portfolio

5. **Kauai Community College:**
   a. Breakfast with Regents: networked with a few of the Regents
   b. Elections: planning on holding elections in April for both student government and student activities council
   c. Working on bus pass renewal but problems with price negotiations are motivating Kauai CC to work with the mayor to reduce the fee to $25
   d. Ho*opilho: presentation to students and shared the workshops they went to and their experiences. The next presentation will be on March 9, 2015. They are still having discussion on whether Kauai CC should host in February 2016 but they will make a decision by next week.

6. **Honolulu Community College:**
   a. Holding elections for next semester

7. **Kapiolani Community College:**
   a. Kapiolani CC is currently struggling with quorum so Will is going to start working with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for a faculty advisor

8. **UH West Oahu:**
   a. Appointed two new Senators
   b. Campus appointed three new Vice-Chancellors
   c. ASUH will be reviewing the campus tobacco policy
   d. Elections: accepting applications until end of next week
   e. Started Dress for Success program and looking into a textbook lending program

9. **GSO Manoa:**
   a. Pub Crawl: fundraiser on February 27 for Relay for Life
   b. Collective Bargaining Bill has been passed through all committees in the House so it will be voted on by the House
   c. New graduate program: Hawaii Theater

10. **Windward Community College:**
    a. Wanting to bring back lunch hours to allow for more time for participation
    b. Hosted a visit from sister school in Japan which included a tour and lunch

11. **HAWCC:**
    a. Focusing on finalizing their charter

12. **Molokai:**
    a. Held financial aid kick-off
    b. Held “get fit” challenge