UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I STUDENT CAUCUS, 2015-2016
MEETING #2
Saturday, September 26, 2015
Kapiolani Community College, Tamarind Room, OHELO Building

Attendees:
UH Hilo: Melinda Alles & Lazareth Sye
Manoa, ASUH: Kelly Zakimi, Roxie Kamoshida
Manoa, GSO: Bret Polopolus-Meredith, Ed Hoogland
Kapiolani CC: William Arenivas, Charessa Fryc
Kauai CC: Bryan Gerald
Leeward CC: Trong Dang, Rhoda Craig
UH Maui College: Dannette Arrojo, DJ Tavares
UH West Oahu: Ryan Sommer, Valentin Fletes
Windward CC: Jessica Spencer, Kelli Acopan

Advisor Jan Javinar

Guests:
Dr. Salvatore Lanzilotti, Men’s March Against Violence
Garret Yoshimi, VP for IT
Dr. Hae Okimoto, Director of Academic Technology Services
Bonnyjean Manini, Interim Director of Student Life & Development, UHM
Andrew Simeona, WCC Senator

I. OPENING
Meeting opened at 9:05 am by Chairperson, Mindy Alles

II. PRESENTATION: Men's March Against Violence
Dr. Salvatore Lanzilotti, Founder

A. Dr. Lanzilotti encouraged the campus student leaders to participate in whatever way they can to join in on the annual men’s march against violence sponsored by Catholic Charities of Hawaii. He went through a powerpoint presentation sharing that 95% of perpetrators of violence against women are males and that in Fiscal Year alone, there were 2,909 protective orders filed related to violence against women. He added that this situation crosses all socio-economic classes, ethnic groups, etc. and that campuses should demonstrate their support of ending violence against women by showing up. No advance notice is required to the sponsors. Dr. Lanzilotti agreed to share his powerpoint with the group.

III. CAMPUS SHARING
A. GSO
1. Ombuds: invited different stakeholders to speak at UH. Resolutions need to be fair and not overly critical, provide constructive criticism for things not working well. GSO feels that
given Manoa’s complexity, there needs to be a single locale where complaints may be filed and re-directed.

2. Increasing student fee - looking for input/experience from other campuses that have had success.

**B. KCC**

1. Rebuilding year, great turnout, 14 members showed up. Training new members is a success and challenge at the same time, will be holding staff training day.
2. Increasing transparency on campus: able to get publications running, close to 500k in bank to cover expense. Library hosts tutoring center but received no funds to hire tutors, no student produced media to inform the campus community, especially students that this shouldn't be going on.

**C. UHWO**

1. New Days Event: one-on-one with freshmen, tips for success and getting them on campus
2. Vice Chancellor/Chancellor have representation in SG in every campus committee
3. Trying to hold student leader conference for club leaders to transfer knowledge and skills gained from attending DC conference and Ho`opili Hou. This will equip club leaders to get them more active and involved on campus.

**D. WCC**

1. Welcome Back event served 400+ students, faculty, staff (300+ students)
2. SG Representation in handful of campus committees
3. Upcoming Thanksgiving event - food drive directed at students on campus who are needy but don't necessarily qualify for benefits

**E. MAUI COLLEGE**

1. Kuka kuka sessions with students about NSO: 160 surveys filled out, gave away chili and rice in exchange for survey, survey showed not pleased with NSO, no help, resources received
2. Walk-A-Mile participation, have booth to address students and give away sandwiches and give resources for help as well as confirm what help is needed
3. 2 events coming up Thanksgiving and Holiday (Christmas)
4. Asking for access to carryover monies from past semesters. Chancellor wanted to use for campus improvements, SG wants for improvements but also for SG use. Issue as to use of funds accumulated over the years by SG.

**F. KAUAI CC**

1. Major renovations to Learning Resource Center, heart of campus for resources and socialization. Overflow issues moving classes/classrooms, conflict with jurisdiction - where students allowed to study, lecture, administration; OCET (office of continuing education & training)- that attracts many non traditional students as its clientele.
2. In progression for curriculum reform that would accommodate different materials, ebooks. Students attracted by the convenience, starts with counselors
3. No smoking ban policy - 2 options - go to designated smoking location or campus wide ban. Makes statement on health initiatives on campus. Admin - majority in favor of campus wide ban, while students - majority in favor of designated areas
4. Policy on recreational activities, video game policies in lounge because of influx of students to lounge due to cutoff of LRC. Need to adopt policy, create own policy to deal with graphic video games, concerns that video games can lead to problems

**G. LEEWARD CC**
1. Parking – is extremely scarce with next door is rail construction, heavy construction vehicles heavily contribute to deterioration of roads, complaints from Faculty Senate, Counselors, Students. Portion of parking lot blocked off for construction vehicles. Increase in students (+79 from last fall) & less available spaces.
2. New Dean of Student Services, trying to see if can get him on student side
3. Healthier food options in cafeteria, more food options in general
4. Push for Faculty Senate to push Faculty to use OER. Willing but need more information.

**H. UHM**
1. Special Elections: open to Oct 2 started Thursday (2 days ago). Arts & Sciences - competitive election, 20 applications
2. General Senate meeting - death policy updated, want more information from administration
3. Grad Fair Oct 16 - learn about grad positions, transferring, positions available after graduation
4. Homecoming on Friday, Oct 9 - free shirts, food, prizes to UHM undergrads, from 11-2. Have in early afternoon rather than evening

**I. UH HILO**
1. Filled some vacant seats. President resigned, but filled VP position.
2. Issues with getting representation/SG inclusion in campus committees, lots of committees without student representation
3. 4 new vendors on campus, SG not included in decision process even though SG been pushing for more food options. Not all vendors meet with sustainability initiatives
4. No advisor but trying to hire advisor
5. Turnover is bad: Hawaiian studies college - not able to maintain senators from that college, weren't even able to get someone to run, no representative from that college.
   a) Financial Aid vs Stipends - UHH loses SG members, students not willing to work that much without incentive
      (1) Commentary on Stipends: Suggest letter of recommendation as incentive instead of stipend; create leadership electives, get credits for time spent in position instead of stipends; help other groups and meet other people, encourage them to work with you; if stipend affects fin aid, just don't take it; tell Financial Aid at beginning of year that you will be getting monthly stipend and adjust accordingly; increase cost of living, commissioned UH Economic Research Office to see how much actual cost of living to adjust/increasing cost of living
There are ways to get around it impacting financial aid, but no choice seems optimal. Bottom line is the Federal Government restricts how much Financial Aid is awarded and when, would have to change Federal DOE’s approach at resources.

IV. MEETING SCHEDULE
A. Purpose of moving dates
1. Idea of changing Caucus meetings to Saturday after BOR meetings so more delegates will have the option to attend BOR, but not mandatory to go. Also request to move meetings to same island so neighbor island traveling is available, especially if there are action items coming up. Gives delegates the opportunity to change flight to go earlier to attend BOR meetings
2. Idea of changing Caucus meetings to Saturday before BOR meetings so we can see what’s on agenda BOR sends out and determine if there are action items Caucus needs to address, write resolution and then present it to BOR.

B. Commentary on Meeting Schedule Change:
1. Necessary to have presence at BOR meetings, if Caucus has BOR support then we can gather more support for things we want to do at Legislative level
2. What kind of impact do we want to make? How does BOR actually make decisions? May be listed on consent agenda, but no presentations, testimony, etc done at meeting. Committee meeting agenda where you really make impact and influence decisions. If just trying to foster presence and experience at meeting, different purpose. Fiscal concern: commitments for individual SG to fund change in flight money.
3. Committee meetings do not happen regularly. Generally scheduled to meet first Tues/Weds of month, 2 weeks before BOR meetings. Depending on actions, Chair of BOR & Admin determine things coming up for discussion or action.

C. Plan - change to schedule #2, Saturday prior to BOR meetings - no objections made. Individual campuses with conflicts to be resolved and rearranged by contacting Mindy.

V. PRESENTATION
Garret Yoshimi, VP for IT & Dr. Hae Okimoto, Director of Academic Technology Services

A. INITIATIVE: SYSTEM PORTAL
1. Next year implementation of new MyUH. Changing the look of portal, restructured to be accessible from mobile device [https://myuh2.hawaii.edu](https://myuh2.hawaii.edu). Concept of portal is place for students - registration, classes to take, but also should be about activities, access to cafeteria menus, bus schedules, etc, for all campus students by campus - button specific to campus (bus schedules, cafeteria menus, activities, etc)
   a) Suggested portal buttons: online elections, Laulima vs Blackboard, tutorial and training for people who don’t know how to use technology, individual campus initiatives, campus map, ability to do online polls and petitions
   b) Determine advisory group, not necessarily SG, should be tech majors who create additional functions within the app, who approve what goes on each campus page. Part of
project to say what responsibility and accountability should be given as student leaders to access their students and their campus. If IT says SG should have access, directive needs to come from IT so Admin doesn’t have ability to block. Each department within campus can have own tab or icon and control without vetting; ultimately, students can control what they see.

c) Login to Star as registration interface to Banner: Star Graduation Pathway System piloting in Spring for Fall 2016 registration. Pick classes based on pathway, then registration via Star interface.

B. INITIATIVE: RESTRUCTURING COURSE EVALUATIONS
1. Move toward evaluating all courses, standardizing evaluation system. Should be required especially for instructors on tenure track, needs to be incorporated into their evaluation as a representative of the University. Evaluations need to be saved and referenced for accreditation and to ensure that SLO’s on paper = actual SLO’s. All courses every semester will be evaluated. Faculty required to share all evaluation information with Department Chairs for structure and accountability.

C. INITIATIVE: OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES (oer.hawaii.edu)
1. Goal - full implementation in 3-5 years, zero textbook cost for General ED courses. Implementation currently done in pockets, working with faculty to push quality resources created by other faculty & institutions so not restricted to textbooks. Initiative is very high profile on national basis.

VI. LUNCH

VII. ACTION AGENDA: Prioritizing the Concerns
A. Top 4 issues voted on:
   1. Ombuds (13 votes)
   2. Affordability for Higher ED (12 votes)
   3. Textbook Alternatives (12 votes)
   4. Student Voice (9 votes)

VIII. ACTION AGENDA: Developing Your Strategy Presentation
Guest Facilitator - Bonnyjean Manini, Interim Director of Student Life & Development, UHM

A. Using stipend issue as model, the Midwest Academy Strategy Chart was offered to organize plans, lay everything out and organize everything and as you execute, can come back to it to stay focused.

B. Got into groups to brainstorm Caucus Top 4 Issues, then presented assembled information.
   1. Ombuds: Dictate role of person in office, survey to show need, reword to show opponents how it will be beneficial for them. Admin might not be opponents.
   2. Student Voice: Consult with Advisors you trust, Admin you have a relationship with. Lots of information needed to be filled in.
   a) Faculty issues: ACCFCC leaders - Talk to them, have dialogue about how to work together to make it happen, how to complement non-requisite textbooks with free/OER readings/materials.
4. Affordability: Complex issue - continue as discussion to break up into categories: tuition, housing, food, books, transportation, etc, also determine short term and long term goals. Ask for transparency in each category once you identify what contributes to cost of education.

C. Wrap-up
   1. Look at top 4, give thought to people we can talk to for more information, figure out who is in charge of and controls the issues. Binder also resource of organizational charts, policies. Start working on them by November so we can make a difference by end of Caucus in May. Define issues clearly and find solutions, otherwise waste of time if no product at end of session.

IX. Closing
   A. Call for volunteers: search committee for Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, University Council for Articulation
   B. Will send out executive policy we need to sign on. Due Oct 30th, to be discussed at next meeting
   C. Next meeting: Saturday, October 17th, Maui College

Meeting adjourned 2:55 pm