UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I STUDENT CAUCUS, 2015-2016  
MEETING #3  
Saturday, October 17, 2015  
UH Maui College, Laulima 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  
Leeward CC: Trong Dang, Rhoda Craig  
UH Maui College: Dannette Arrojo, DJ Tavares  
UH West Oahu: Valentin Fletes  
Windward CC: Jessica Spencer, Kelli Acopan  
Hawaii CC: Duane Nishimoto

Guests:
Tasha Kama, UH Maui College  
Allison Iga, UH Maui College  
Alana Loehnis, UH Maui College  
Adam Wellington, UH Maui College  
Michael De Louise, UH Maui College  
Cynthia Foreman, UH Maui College, Faculty Advisor  
Todd Brown, UH Maui College  
Lui Hokoana, UH Maui College Chancellor  
Sam Kaiwi, UH Maui College Mural Artist

I. OPENING - Meeting started at 9:42 am
   A. Introduction of new individuals and guests

II. Campus Reports
   A. GSO
      1. Held monthly Coffee Hour for Grad Students.  
      2. Met with Senator Schatz re: concerns and thoughts regarding UH’s direction, education finances, lowering tuition.  
         a) Takeaway message: News tends to be negative because reporters not willing to work for their story. Campuses need to get out and say positive things about UH otherwise public opinion will continue to be negative.  
      3. Received professional guidance on OMBUDS bill.  
      4. Passed resolution to encourage Death Protocol Policy on campus similar to UH Hilo. Chancellor assigned someone to work on policy, GSO told that it’s begun but haven't received updates or been invited to give input.
   B. UHWO
1. Concerns with merging facilities with Tokai University. Trying to figure out how to accommodate them when they don’t pay tuition fees to use facilities.
2. Restarting Veterans Club, submitted for RIO. Lots of participation - 14 students interested.

C. Leeward CC
   1. Looking to bring more medical services to Waianae Campus.
   2. Looking at other options for vending machine, healthier food options.
   3. New Dean receptive to student concerns.

D. UH Hilo
   1. Flattening fees - 4 credits or less = prorated fee.
   2. Talks in Faculty Congress about requesting smoking ban policy, brought to UHHSA by Chancellor. In the beginning phases of talking about it.
   3. Reviewing and revamping bylaws and constitution.
   4. In the process of hiring new advisor.
   5. Experiencing issues from outside group Student Union who are outspoken against UHHSA.

E. UH Maui College
   1. Were able to meet with BOR Thursday before Caucus. Good meeting, BOR receptive.
   2. Held successful Leadership Retreat at Kaanapali Beach Hotel, joint training with SAC.
   3. Upcoming Events:
      a) Walk-a-Mile - October 29
      b) Thanksgiving Luncheon - November 19
      c) Holiday Celebration Finale - December 10

F. Hawaii CC
   1. Trying to get bylaws together to get elections running, trying to push ahead so they can get started.

G. Kapiolani CC
   1. Have held 2 meetings that included training for congress members; working on resolution writing and email writing.
   2. Trying to find a way to spend ASUH 200k budget surplus. School wants 5-year plan to spend down the money.
   3. Approved annual budget of 70k.
   4. Working on stipends/paid positions for members.
   5. Getting committees into congress - sustainability, elections, bylaws and amendments, working on more, all student run, Good opportunity for other congress members to take on leadership positions as well.
   6. Working on different awards for other members for high participation.
7. Looking for healthier options in cafe for vegans and vegetarians, need to work with cafeteria since no room for other vendors.

H. Windward CC
1. October 26th - Governor Ige to hold Town Hall meeting at WCC. ASUH has 15-30 minutes with Governor beforehand.
2. School going through zoning issue with state hospital
3. Held Speech & Debate tournament, successful because it involved other system campuses
4. Upcoming Events:
   a) Thanksgiving event + food drive for self-identified students, clubs pushed to collect donations. Dubbing it “Hunger Games” - biggest contribution in terms of lbs collected, competing for bigger stipend next year
   b) Halloween Event - collecting student surveys
5. WCC ASUH capacity is 15 members, have maxed out and accepted additional students as associate members.

I. UH Manoa
1. Held Homecoming during early afternoon vs. evening. Approximately 1500-1800 students attended. Ran out of wrist bands so count is not accurate. Handed out shirts and food.
2. Held grad fair, great turnout.
3. No funding interviews completed
4. Participated in Sen. Schatz meeting with GSO
5. ASUH Senate passed resolution regarding Death Policy

III. Groupwork
A. Broke up into groups to tackle the 4 different issues.
   1. OER (Jessica, Trong, Duane, Kelly Z., Adam)
   2. Affordability (Laz, DJ, Danette, Alanna)
   3. OMBUDS (Ed, Val, Charessa, Will, Cynthia, Todd)
   4. Student Voice/Administrative Performance Evaluation (Bret, Kelli A., Rhonda, Roxie, Mike)

IV. UH Maui Chancellor Welcome

V. Groupwork Presentations
A. Affordability
   1. Seeking transparency in tuition (what are you paying for?) and transparency in system, want to ensure that students getting proper advising, utilize resources to accelerate through schooling
   2. Issue: bad advising, lack of information - students need to be more aware of information to make decisions. more aware of people on campus who are able to help them
3. Enrollment down, quality of education lower, more students lost, more cut classes, institution needs to reflect and make changes

B. Ombuds
   1. Problem: no existing ombuds office. Need to create independent, confidential, unbiased offices, can’t be influenced by other offices, committees, departments, people to make them look good.
   2. Problem: current administration organization is confusing especially for new students, ones that aren't vocal or active enough to be aware of resources that are out there.
   3. Resolution meant to not be completely confrontational, policy broad so each campus can self-define what they want and present their own resolution dependent on need and cost
   4. Need to get ahead of people’s problems, be proactive for less problems

C. Student voice/administrator performance evaluation
   1. gso meeting with rep choy, will get back to caucus re: appropriation of monies for exec raises
   2. confidentiality issue - not necessarily looking for transparency in results or discussions, but transparency in criteria and mandate student voice be part of the evaluation

D. OER
   1. Need to research average cost per campus for books
   2. Seek out foundations to help fund transition
   3. Build awareness system- wide (UHM Kelly on track for this)
   4. Find out faculty and student opposition, figure out cost for system

VI. Facilities Tour and Lunch Break

VII. Ombuds Resolution
   A. Added whereas statement describing what Caucus is.
   B. Took off Manoa-specific positions from “Be It Finally Resolved”
   C. Motion to put to vote requested by Chair. Motioned: Ed, Seconded: Laz
   D. Vote: Unanimous. 9 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain
      1. Kauai CC, Honolulu CC not present

VIII. Executive Policy
   A. Concern: Trigger requirement for program review. Graduate programs more varied so different levels (Masters, PhD, etc) should have different requirements. Also need more realistic timeline for completion.
   B. Objection to vote (Charessa) because no specific information on what is being cut. How many programs are under review? Mindy to ask for data.
   C. Motion to agree on policy with addendum of trigger requested by group. Motion: Jessica, Seconded: Laz.
I. Vote: 5 for (WCC, UHM, UHH, KapCC, GSO), 1 against (UHWO), 3 abstain (LCC, UHMC, HawaiiCC)

IX. Closing
A. Issue with Budget
1. Beginning Budget: $30,000.00 as of July 1, 2015. Current budget: $25,113.72.
2. Treasurer only gets expenditure spreadsheet, no responsibilities as far as determining how monies are spent and where monies go. While we cannot make actual purchases, we should have control of funding, ability to track it ourselves.
3. Last year’s caucus voted to cancel 10th meeting in favor of leadership training over the summer. No training, no 10th meeting. Where are the monies for the 10th meeting?
4. Motion to request we receive all documentation on expenditures: Laz, Seconded: Ed.
5. Vote to request all receipts be sent to treasurer - Unanimous. 9 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain
   a) Kauai CC, Honolulu CC not present

B. Look over consensual policy, review at next meeting

C. Issue with December Caucus at UHWO. Meeting will be moved from the 12th (UHWO Commencement date) to the 5th. No objections.

D. Motion to have leadership training at UHMC for 2016 academic year: Danette, Seconded: Bret.
   1. Vote for 2016 leadership training - Unanimous. 9 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain
      a) Kauai CC, Honolulu CC not present

E. Next meeting, November 14, Windward CC

Meeting adjourned 2:22 pm.