UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI’I STUDENT CAUCUS, 2015-2016
MEETING #8
Saturday, March 19, 2016
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Campus Center Executive Dining Meeting Room

Attendees:
UH Hilo: Melinda Alles, Lazareth Sye
Manoa, ASUH: Kelly Zakimi, Roxie Kamoshida
Manoa, GSO: Bret Polopolus-Meredith
Kapiolani CC: Charessa Fryc
Leeward CC: Phung Nguyen
UH Maui College: Alanna Loehnis
Windward CC: Kelli Acopan, Andrew Simeona
Hawaii CC: Wolfgang Schnackenberg, Stacey Kumao‘o

Advisor Russell Chan

Guests:
Dr. Risa Dickson, Vice President for Academic Affairs (UH System)
Sandra Furuto, Director of Data Governance and Operations
Michelle Tagorda, BOR Student Regent
Sara Perry, Former UH Student Caucus Chair

I. OPENING
The meeting was opened at 9:30 am by Chairperson, Mindy Alles.

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: UH System Proposed Tuition Schedule for Fall 2017 – Spring 2020 by Dr. Risa Dickson, Vice-President of Academic Affairs (UH System)
   a. Students first to see presentation, haven’t gotten a lot of feedback, going to be doing presentations to generate feedback.
   b. 30 million bonds per year over 3 years, 90 million.
   c. Request to condense presentation for students unable to make it to their campus’ presentation. Also request for condensed presentation to be written in language that students can easily understand and disseminate.

III. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: CIP Budget Requests by Michelle Tagorda, BOR Student Regent
   a. Request vs. appropriation – previously sent Legislature full wish-list, shifted to now asking only for necessities.

IV. CAMPUS SHARING
   a. Haw CC
      i. January - was talking about ratification of constitution and bylaws, did pass.
      ii. Will start looking at spring elections, who can pass baton to.
b. UH Manoa
   i. 11th March – held St. Patrick’s Day mixer, food and activities for undergrads.
   ii. Had Elect Her last weekend.
   iii. Had floor nominations, all candidates needed to turn in packets yesterday.
   iv. Still tracking few bills, HB 1703 mental health services, HB 2240 special green revolving fund.
   v. In the works of finalizing UPass survey, contract up next year so need to start negotiations.
   vi. Looking into Manoa’s Strategic Plan and providing feedback on that

c. Leeward CC
   i. Held College Bash last Wednesday, promoted/informing about OER
   ii. Have 10 seats, 11 candidates running, elections to be held April 4-7
   iii. Started food pantry project. Concern - students embarrassed to come, sustaining stock of pantry

d. UH Hilo
   i. Senate able to pass By-Laws revision, allowed UHHSA to clearly outline responsibilities within senate especially committees, created caucuses within senate, focusing on colleges of senate members, at-large caucus - campus impact group
   ii. Met with Chancellor to speak about By-Laws revision, encouraged to draft out proposal to see how deep within each department students would like to be involved, encourage students to engage in campus governance, provide credit for governance. Applied learning credit hours. Reaching out to ALEX for that.
   iii. Met with Chancellor to discuss few points – moving forward – student rep in campus decisions, adding Kihei to graduation uniform. Compensation for student leaders and CSO, tuition increase. Chancellor would like to work with students to keep tuition increase low.
   iv. Faculty congress – decided to move after push from SG to move add/drop date from 8 weeks to 10 weeks. Effective Fall 2016.
   v. Established testing center on campus, previous testing center at HawCC.
   vi. Requesting support for tuition waiver instead of financial stipend.

e. Windward CC
   i. New initiative – Campus beautification, was invited by Chancellor to participate in rain garden cleanup with community group. Working on setting up next project.
   ii. Just held `Ohana Spring Carnival, worked with admin/Academic Affairs, got army to bring dunk tank, 104.3 to bring DJ and give out prizes, Papa John’s to give us deal on pizza, raised monies (through donations) for food pantry and collected a couple hundred cans. Hit the low end of our student participation (200) but was able to service our students’ families and had lots of people that didn’t sign in.
iii. Submitted our first testimony in support of campus’ Veterinary Technology bill.

iv. Working on two resolutions, one in support of WCC’s proposed land swap, 2nd in support of motorcycle parking on campus.

v. Working on advertising elections, hoping to get signage out last week of March and then elections 2 weeks after that.

vi. Upcoming talent show, was able to secure tuition scholarship as grand prize.

vii. Working on updating our constitution/bylaws, hasn’t been updated in over 20 years. Hoping to be able to ratify during April elections.

f. GSO

i. Continuing unionization efforts. Have bill on each side, moving forward, lots of momentum.

ii. Successful monthly coffee hour.

iii. Executives had idea for Pau Hana event, Monday nights meeting at The Gardens for a beer, getting departments to host it, guarantees that at least a few people come out. Social but also allows for discussion of issues and sharing of information.

iv. Went through some changes of bylaws, full body will vote on changes at next meeting.

v. Having elections, process finalized next Thursday, voting mid-April, take office May 1st.

g. Kapiolani CC

i. Elections coming up, held campaign week. Unsuccessful, extending it until after spring break. Have almost all seats filled except for secretary.

ii. BOR breakfast next Thursday.

iii. Passed Resolution for water bottle filling stations around campus.

iv. Had meeting with Chancellor because nothing being done about January Resolution re: Study Hub funding. Came to meeting and explained situation and money allocation.

v. Passed Resolution to pass elections on popular vote in case 5% not met, will be working on rewriting bylaws.

h. UH Maui College

i. Stipend/credit paperwork brought to share if interested.

ii. Danette Arrojo removed from student government.

iii. Elections - 11 people running including current council members.

iv. Student Activites council and SG doing teamwork exercise – going paddling.

v. Will be holding Earth Day Carnival on April 20th.

vi. Elections coming up on 15th, after that is Student Appreciation.


viii. Installation of new council members, student activities council join in.
V. ACTION AGENDA
   a. Motion to accept February 2016 minutes as written.
      i. Motion by Laz, seconded by Bret.
         1. No objections, motion carries
   b. Document the removal of Danette Arrojo from Neighbor Island at Large Delegate. Only one more meeting, Caucus in agreement to not fill position.
   c. Look at Caucus Constitution and By-Laws, will address in April if any revisions are necessary, especially treasurer position – whether or not we need it.
   d. Mindy to write up proposal for summer training, shooting for July. Will revisit for discussion at April meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA: LEGISLATIVE BILLS
   a. Tuesday, HB 1703 Mental Health Bill hearing, Kelly to write new testimony and send for Caucus approval, Mindy to submit once approved.
   b. SB 83 brought to attention by Bret – take 3 million of Tourism budget and give to Athletics to cover travel. Decision made to track, no objections to writing testimony in favor of bill.
   c. HB 52 also brought to attention – Selective Service – affects financial aid
   d. Suggestion to prioritize HB 2240, Special Green Revolving Fund.
   e. New top three:
      i. HB 1703
      ii. SB 83
      iii. HB 2240

VII. DISCUSSION: on Articulation by Kelli Zakimi (Report from University Council on Articulation Meeting & get feedback on items from Caucus)
   a. Attended UH Council on Articulation Meeting, requesting feedback from Caucus.
   b. Bring to attention system issue – will send overall notes
   c. Question: how can we help the transferring process?
      i. Surveyed system, identified about 150 classes having trouble transferring from CC to 4-year. Numbers different or course materials different, needed to repeat classes.
      ii. Need to standardize course content across the system

VIII. CLOSING
   a. Review caucus constitution so we can go over it in April. Copy of constitution can be found on website, Mindy to also send out copy of By-Laws previously written but not approved.
   b. Last meeting Kauai April 23rd, travel forms sent in to Russell by April 1st. Mindy to send reminder by early next week via Caucus listserv.
   c. Mindy request budget from Carol via Russell, will send out as soon as received.

Meeting adjourned 1:52 pm