Faculty Senate Meeting  
January 4, 2011  
12:40-1:30 PM Palanakila 117

Members present  Pam DaGrossa (SOC SCI), Ross Langston (Presiding Chair), Malia Lau-Kong (HUM), Peggy Regentine (MAT/BUS), Tara Severns (SUP), Charles Whitten (Student Services), Libby Young (Off Campus Chair), Kathleen Zane (Recording Chair)

Guests  Kalawaia Moore (Ke Kumupali Chair)

1) Call to Order 12:40pm
2) Reports
A. CCAAC: Libby Young
   1. Libby Y. announced she will be attending the Faculty Budget Workshop, and encouraged others to participate.
   2. On the question of where WCC stands in the planning of a proposal to migrate to Google, Libby Y. stated that although there is no firm plan to migrate, the groundwork is being laid. We would like a fuller discussion to see if advantages outweigh disadvantages. There is a concern for data security. Tara S. questioned why more interest in this move has been expressed than for other changes that have occurred. Due to the security breaches at UH-Manoa, we need to communicate our concerns and get questions answered.

   Ross L. questioned the process for lodging complaints about Laulima. Peggy R. stated that this semester, Laulima was turned on, or went public, on January 3rd when most faculty were beginning a prep week. She recommended that Laulima remain in default state, i.e., turned off to the public, until the individual faculty member turned it on, or till the first day of classes.

3. No New Initiatives Committee report

4. Assigned Time Committee: Charles Whitten
   Charles W. reported on the single application that has been reviewed. His suggestions for future application procedures included rethinking the committee membership from three specified categories (9 month faculty, 11 month faculty, ETC faculty), determining what sorts of criteria needs to be known in advance of applying, and providing rationale for voting yes/no/reservations. It needs to be decided if the administration can be part of the process. Sufficient time is necessary to replace the applicant with a lecturer of equivalent quality. There is currently too much “bait and switch” in the published catalog, since the catalog needs to be issued prior to the publication of the schedule.

   Charles suggested that the committee should be heavily weighted with instructional faculty because 11 month faculty are less likely to be applicants and instructional faculty, who bring a lot to table, shouldn’t be outweighed by non-instructional faculty. The current stratification of the committee and the time line are not congruent with the needs generated by assigned time. It was noted that not every assigned time comes to be evaluated before the committee, e.g., assigned time for chairs of departments does not. Charles proposed that in writing policies and
procedures, we start with what doesn’t work and where there is a breach. In sum, the criteria for applications for assigned time must be spelled out.

5. Procedures & Policies:

Excellence in Teaching online Form: Issues discussed included the fact that the criteria for nomination are not described on the form; that the website differs in the makeup of the selection committee (3 faculty, 2 students); that the attachment of supporting documents are not possible with the online form. Although there will be no official vote, the committee appreciates input. It was suggested that the committee issue both online and printed nomination forms.

3) New Business

A. Selection of two MVCV statements to send to campus:

In the absence of a quorum, the selection of 2 MVCV statements could not be voted upon during the meeting. The discussion of the committees’ choices was based on a change to the phrase “in science and the arts,” as either not broad enough or leaving out some areas. Previously, tinkering with wording was not approved by the Mission Statements Committee. There was a discussion of whether to go with the ranking given, and the policies and procedures, humanities and subcommittees’ versions are to be presented without labeling. To formalize the recommendation of a change in wording to “the arts and sciences,” Faculty Senators endorsed the change decided by conversation.

B. The Senate membership needs restructuring to accommodate the absorption of ETC faculty either by numbers or by area of interest. A rewording of the constitution is required for the representation of all units. A new senatorial district will be established, as the old district of ETC is abolished, and the name will be changed from ETC to CCE. Charles W. suggested that the quorum be changed to 50% of the sitting senators. It was remarked that any senator who is absent frequently should be dismissed. There will be a vote to suspend the rules, asking the Senate to revise the rules of quorum and representation temporarily, and adjusting the quorum from 12 to 10. This will be put on the same ballot as the MVCV statements.

C. Results of on-line voting: Because a quorum was not met in the 1/4/11 faculty senate meeting, an online vote was held on 1/5 using the ballotbin.com website. A total of 11 senators cast ballots on two measures: 1) Temporarily reduce the minimum quorum from 8 to 6 senators 2) Select the two highest-ranked versions of the MVCV statement for a campus poll. Both measures were approved unanimously.

4) The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.