Humanities Department Minutes

Thursday 2/25/2010

Present: Jonathan Busse, Gloria Faltstrom, Sarah Hadmack, Mark Hamasaki, Snowden Hodges, Liko Hoe, Malia Lau-Kong, Ron Loo, Toni Martin, Ben Moffat (Chair), Robert Molyneux, Kalawaia Moore, Paul Nash, Janice Nuckols, Kanani Baker (Guest)

Old Business

• After correcting typos and misspelled words, the minutes from the last Humanities department meeting were approved.
• Annual Report: changes and improvements to our current methods of identifying and prioritizing Humanities Department’s goals, ASC data, course assessment, and requests for funding were discussed. Another meeting to work on these issues was scheduled for March 11th.
• Ron Loo discussed CIL requirements. Janice Nuckols suggested that Mathematics and Philosophy requirements for WCC students may be unreasonably demanding and may put WCC students at a disadvantage. Mark Hamasaki suggested a forum to discuss AA requirements. Janice moved that the Humanities Department request and all-campus forum to focus on Mathematics and Philosophy requirements. The motion was seconded then approved by all department members present.

New Business

• After an animated political campaign, Liko Hoe was unanimously elected to be the new chair of the Humanities Department.
• It was moved that History 285 be changed from an experimental to a regular course. The motion was passed.
• Ben will meet with the Art area to discuss the possible ways that upper level art courses can be offered on campus, and to discuss priorities for growth in the Art area. The meeting date is set for Tuesday, March 9th at 12:40.
• Jonathan Busse proposed a second level watercolor class, to expand on ART 111. The new course, ART 211 is now taught at Kauai CC and includes portrait and figure painting. Discussion centered primarily on the additional cost for models. Janice suggested that Jonathan rewrite the proposal to not include models.
• Kalawaia presented a draft/vision for Hawaiian Studies, which might include a survey of students’ areas of interest in the subject. Liko, Kalani, and Kalawaia are examining various areas of Hawaiian Studies that might lead to an AA. There was not enough time for a compressive discussion and it was decided to continue at a later meeting.

VCAC

• The importance of faculty completing the Contact Information Sheet was emphasized.
• Briefly discussed, was the use of CDs for classes instead of paper packets; also, that Richard Fulton would like feedback on the Sustainability Certificate. Also discussed was Hawaiian Studies as an Humanities Department priority and a survey to investigate students’ interest in Hawaiian Studies.
Faculty Senate
• Malia Lau-Kong discussed CIL requirements and also use of the N-grade. The question was raised again; should students be dropped if they do not attend the first class, and again, it was suggested that this decision should be decided on a case-by-case basis.
• The makeup of Sabbatical Review Committees and Assigned Time Committees was discussed.

Institutional Effectiveness Committee
• Sarah Hadmack presented the Program Level Map for ASC programs and requested that any changes or corrections be made to them and the Program Outcome Guide be created to accompany it.

The meeting ended at 1:30 p.m.

Respected submitted,
Snowden Hodges