Humanities Department Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2011

Present: Sarah Hadmack, Mark Hamasaki, Snowden Hodges, Liko Hoe, Malia Lau Kong, Ron Loo, Toni Martin, Bryce Myers, Rob Molyneux, Kalawaia Moore, Paul Nash, Janice Nuckols

1. The minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously (1st: Mark; 2nd Kalawaia).

2. Committee Reports:

   a. **CCAAC Report** (Sarah): CCAAC approved these new course proposals unanimously: ANSC 290, ANSC 258, ANSC 261, MATH 232, HIST 230. Also approved unanimously were these course modifications: ANSC 140, ANSC 251, MUS 240. HWST 272 was tabled unanimously so that revisions can be made (e.g., change number as 272 already used by a different course at UHM).

   b. **VCAC Report** (Liko): VCAC has had only 1 meeting this semester. Next meeting is Nov. 18. Schedule and annual report moving forward.

   c. **MAPSAC Report** (Toni): The recommendation to relocate the Hawaiian garden (which will be shared by HWST and the CNA program) was approved unanimously. The recommendation to have a Vet Tech facility built on the backside of Imililoa was also approved. Discussion commenced on where the monies will come from to build this Vet Tech facility, and whether there will be a new Master Plan created for the campus.

3. Old Business:

   a. **Safety concerns with hospital patients**: Paul brought up that State Hospital Patients seem to be using our campus as a gathering place, thereby creating a potentially hazardous situation for students, staff, and faculty. Rob mentioned that this situation is so sketchy that he needs to walk his students to their cars. Janice said that we should perhaps pass a proposal to make sure their patients stay on their property. Mark commented that Iolani is problematic in the sense that it is on state
hospital property. Bryce and Paul suggested that the state hospital create their own smoking corner and table area on state hospital property so that their patients don’t conjugate on our campus. Mark suggested the use of the area behind Haloa. Kalawai’a mentioned that Rick has talked to the state hospital workers who were using our campus for their smoke breaks, and they are no longer doing this. Janice suggested that Liko should tell Doug to go and talk to the Hospital about these concerns and that the Hospital should create an attractive spot for their patients. It was also mentioned that we do not want our new library, once open, to become the recreational center of state hospital patients.

4. New Business

a. Facility Problems:
   i. Paul brought up the problem of graffiti and tagging.
   ii. Sarah mentioned that the wooden stairs going up to the library are splitting, thereby causing a safety hazard.

b. New Course Proposal: HWST 265: Hawaiian Social Movements (Kalawai’a)
   i. This course had been tabled previously while Kalawai’a sought approval from the Social Science Department to offer this course as an FS. However, they rejected the course. Hence, Kalawai’a is resubmitting the course for approval as an A.A. elective and HWST elective. Once the A.A. in HWST is in place, he will make the case that this course should be an FS.
   ii. Janice raised concerns regarding how often this course would be offered, and the 271% growth in HWST. Kalawai’a responded that this course would be alternated with HWST 255. More discussion commenced on the rotating of HWST courses so that all HWST courses are not offered each semester.
   iii. Kalawai’a said that he would be willing to do a yearly schedule to insure the rotation of HWST courses.
   iv. A question was raised regarding whether there is a limit to the number of Humanities courses being offered in a semester. This had been one of the duties of the Enrollment Management Committee, which has since been dissolved. Hence, it seems like no one in administration is paying attention to course offerings, but hopefully someone is watching.
   v. More discussion commenced on the future plans of HWST. Mark said that department needs to grow 200-level courses, and this is a 200-level course. Janice and Paul remarked that perhaps in the
future, HWST should be its own department if it is going to grow by this much. Kalawaia explained that the 60 credits from the A.A. in HWST will transfer directly to UHM. Also there is the goal of building a sustainable agriculture program—the Ahapua’a model. The carving classes are being taken note of. Rob mentioned that he gets a lot of HWST students in his fiber arts class who had learned about his class by way of their taking the carving class. Hence, HWST is giving a reciprocal benefit to other courses. Liko mentioned that HWST has always been historically said to be a focus of WCC; however, it is only now that that is becoming a reality. Kalawaia said that it is not about HWST growth at the sacrifice of other disciplines. Paul said it’s about finding a balance. Janice mentioned that Kalawaia should go to the WAC Training so that he can offer his HWST courses as Writing-Intensive. Mark said that HWST art classes should be cross-listed with art classes, and that one of the strengths of HWST is that it is scattered across the whole campus.

vi. HWST 265 approved unanimously (1st Mark; 2nd Ron).

c. **New Hires:**
   i. Mehana Hind: Hawaiian Studies Instructor (funded by Title III).
   ii. Ryan Koo: History instructor.
   iii. Nicolas Logue: Theatre Instructor.

d. **Spring Schedule**
   i. Janice mentioned that the cutting of Supplemental Instruction funds for History courses.

e. **Annual Report**
   i. Liko is drafting the analysis piece. Mentioned that the prioritizing of the PBC requests needs to be in the Annual Report.
   ii. Concerns were raised regarding the data in the Annual Report. Data seems to be false, irrelevant, &/or not accurately reflecting what we are doing. This is a major concern—using false data to then cut programs, something happening on other campuses.

f. **Next Meeting: November 18, 2011 @ 10:30 to discuss budget prioritization for the Annual Report.**
   i. Liko will try to get Jeff and Nalani to meet with the department to discuss the problematic data.
   ii. Janice mentioned that Jeff is reserving 4 parallel parking stalls above Palanakila for Faculty/Staff use in order to make up for the loss of Faculty/Staff stalls that were converted to Handicap Access stalls.