Minutes of the November 10, 2005 Language Arts Department Meeting

Present: Robert Barclay, Jean Shibuya, Marilyn Bauer, Kathleen Doss, Frank Mattos, Lance Uyeda, Kalani, Meinecke, Laurie, Tomchak, Ishmael Stagner, Sherre Ftaclas, Franny Oliver, and Libby Young.

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. in Manaleo 116, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

II. Reports
   A: DC Meeting: No report (no DC meeting since Oct. 20).
   B: Faculty Senate: Senator Meinecke reported that the Faculty Senate discussed the campus parking situation, as follows:
      1. The campus has hired an additional guard to monitor parking.
      2. The State Hospital will allow WCC faculty parking in their lots.
      3. Steve Nakasone is looking into making Ala Koolau a one-way street in order to add 50 parking stalls.
      4. The consideration of installing speed bumps to control speeding.
   Senator Meinecke also informed the L.A. department that Chancellor Meixell wants to create an ad hoc committee to review sabbatical proposals. Formal nominations for the committee may be submitted to Phil Hagstrom. The Faculty Senate is also reporting that there is a forthcoming report on articulation, and a forthcoming survey on faculty morale. There was also discussion of emergency plans for hurricanes, and the Senate reports that the Christmas party on Dec. 9 will be potluck.
   C: CAAC: No report.
   D: Budget: Libby Young reported that faculty should be aware of the budget procedure in the event that they might be questioned by the ACCJC team on Nov. 15. She also reported that the Budget Committee is restructuring in order to move from an advisory role into a decision making role. Elections for the committee are forthcoming.

III. Old Business
   1. Jean reported that Ellen has received SLO’s for several courses, with a few yet to come, including those for Lit. courses.
   2. A motion was made by Frank Mattos and seconded by Jody Helfand to delete English 180 from the official record. The motion was carried unanimously with the understanding that it will be replaced with something more specific, possibly a 200 level creative writing course that will be in line with the other community colleges.
   3. A motion was made by Jean Shibuya and seconded by Frank Mattos to retain the policy of allowing all Eng. 100 teaches to choose their own text books. The motion was unanimously carried.

Announcements: Franny Oliver invited all L.A. faculty to attend the Common Book’s panel of local authors who will be speaking Tue. Nov. 22 in Akoakoa 105. Frank Mattos announced that he is continuing to work with the Dean of Instruction regarding the plagiarism software. Jody announced that there will be a reading by Bamboo Ridge authors on Nov. 13 from 3-5 at Native Books. Jean Shibuya announced that the upcoming student survey will be distributed through the English classes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.
Submitted by Robert Barclay