FACULTY SENATE MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 2001

PRESENT: Roy Fujimoto, Wei Ling Landers, Toni Martin, L. Tomchak, (Recorder), Tiffany Severns, Emi Troeger, Ben Moffatt (Chair Presiding)

1. Meeting called to order at 12:45 in Provost’s Conference Room. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Members are charged to come to the next meeting (December 4, 2001) with the name of a representative from their department to serve on the Mission Statement Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tiffany Severns—Power Point Presentation of IRT Committee Report. The main finding of the committee was that all AA degree-seeking students graduating Spring 2003 or later be required to take an pass a computer and information competency test with these components: computer operation, word processing, information retrieval, electronic communication, and one other application. Students can prepare for this test by taking credit or non-credit courses, use self-paced tutorials and books or videos.

2. Discussion: Emi Troeger said that she thought it should be by Spring of 2004, since this would leave enough lead time. It was agreed that the proposal should be presented to CAAC first, but that the Faculty Senate should indicate its strong support in principle of the proposed testing program. A motion of support for the proposal was made and seconded, i.e. “The Faculty Senate expresses its strong support for the proposal for an IRT competency test for all AA degree-seeking students graduating Spring 2003 or later, pending discussion by the curriculum committee.” It was proposed that Tiffany make the same presentation at the January convocation, or make presentations in the individual department meetings. B. Moffat said that the the student council should be informed, and that it should be publicized in the school paper.

3. Reports—C. Whitten will report on All Campus Faculty Senate Meetings at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Members were urged to look at the Campanella Report on UH administration, at www.hawaii.edu/news/campanella/transition.pdf
2. A. Meixell has urged people to apply for merit pay
3. T. Martin is arranging a reception for wood carver Shane Eagleton, hoping that he will have more contact with faculty.