Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting, WCC/UH-W – February 5, 2002

Provost's Conference Room

Present: Senators - Wei Ling Landers Mathematics
Antoinette Martin Humanities
Floyd McCoy Natural Sciences
Laurie Tomchak Language Arts
Tiffany Severns Academic Support
Emi Troeger Business

Senate Chairs - Floyd McCoy
Charles Whitten
Ben Moffat

Absent: Roy Fujimoto Social Sciences
Winston Kong Student Services

Guest: Jean Shibuya, CAAC

Faculty senate convened at 1245 for a regular meeting. Minutes from the Dec. 4, 2001 meeting were reviewed and approved without corrections (moved: W.L. Landers; seconded: L. Tomchak; passed). Minutes from the Jan. 22, 2002 meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved (moved: C. Whitten; seconded: W.L. Landers; passed).

Old Business

Five proposals from CAAC, carried over to this meeting from the previous meeting, were addressed and approved:

- **Math 115** – after brief comments, approved (moved: E. Troeger; seconded: W.L. Landers; passed);
- **IS 197** – after comments mainly concerning the commercial aspect of the course, approved (moved: E. Troeger; seconded: W.L. Landers; passed with one negative vote);
- **Ocean 101** - after brief comments, approved (moved: C. Whitten; seconded: A. Martin; passed);
- **Academic Certificate in Art** - after brief comments, approved (moved: A. Martin; seconded: C. Whitten; passed);
- **Modification of Marine Option Program Requirements** - after brief comments, approved (moved: F. McCoy; seconded: T. Severns; passed).

T. Severns reported on the status of the proposal to institute an Information Retrieval Technology (IRT) competency requirement for the WCC AA degree. Much discussion centered around the testing process and assessment of IRT competency. Consensus was for the proposal (1) to be discussed at department meetings with comments brought to the next faculty senate meeting, then (2) to sponsor an informational meeting for the whole faculty (following the recommendation from CAAC), and finally (3) to put the issue out for vote by middle March, 2002.

Reports

Chair B. Moffat reported on the meeting of faculty senate chairs with the administration. Much discussion concerned the implementation of the math requirement approved in a 21-19 vote (with 6 not voting) by the faculty in 2000. Provost Meixell did not feel this vote a strong recommendation for the change, and also noted that degree requirements are being restudied as the university reorganizes. Some consideration was given to perhaps joining this with the proposed IRT requirement. As an advisory group, the faculty senate recommended that this be put on temporary hold for additional discussion, and accepted the Provost's offer to discuss the issue at department meetings and with individual faculty members.

Meeting adjourned at 1245.
Submitted: F. McCoy