Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting, WCC/UH-W – March 19, 2002

Provost's Conference Room

Present: Senators -
Roy Fujimoto Social Sciences
Winston Kong Student Services
Wei Ling Landers Mathematics
Floyd McCoy Natural Sciences
Laurie Tomchak Language Arts
Tiffany Severns Academic Support
Emi Troeger Business

Senate Chairs -
Floyd McCoy
Charles Whitten
Ben Moffat

Absent: Antoinette Martin Humanities

Guests: Jean Shibuya CAAC

Faculty senate convened at 1242 for a regular meeting; minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

ETC representation in Faculty Senate was discussed, an issue of urgency that should be settled by April if it is to be settled this semester in accordance with the Constitution of the WCC Faculty Senate. It was moved "that the Senate propose to the faculty that we amend the Constitution to provide for four more senators from the following units in the former ETC: Academic Support & Student Services, Office Administration & Technology, Learning Center & Continuing Education, and Trades" by C. Whitten (seconded: W.L. Landers) and passed.

It was noted that the ETC has a CAAC-type committee for evaluating non-credit courses under their jurisdiction, and discussion centered around the relationship between that committee and the WCC CAAC committee – it was moved (C. Whitten; seconded: F. McCoy) that both committees consider an exchange of ex-officio members to attend their meetings, and further that the ETC CAAC committee be incorporated into the WCC Constitution (passed).

Implementation of the first motion dealing with ETC representation on Faculty Senate was then discussed. Motion "that we hold the required meeting of the entire faculty for discussion of the proposed amendment on Wednesday, April 3, at 1230, with voting to be in the Dean of Instruction's Office from 1:00 pm April 3 through 1:00 pm, Friday, April 5, 2002" was made by C. Whitten (seconded: T. Severns) and passed. R. Fujimoto recommended disclosure to faculty before the election on why the rush to vote on this issue; he also expressed that better information is needed on the merge and future of the ETC at WCC.

Acceptance of the “D” grade from non-UH transfer students was discussed. Motion was made (C. Whitten; seconded, W. Kong) and passed that we recommend to the administration the acceptance of all letter grades, except Cr [Credit], for which credit was earned from regionally accredited universities and colleges, and when accepted must be averaged so that a 2.0 GPA is maintained for graduation.

Concern was expressed on the newly proposed Department Chair's duties and responsibilities, and that these concerns be discussed at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1235.

Submitted: F. McCoy