
1. The minutes from the previous semester's meeting on May 6, 2003 were approved with the addition of the 11 items from the CAAC which were ratified by the Senate.

New Business

1. Budget Cuts Loom—we will see cuts in experimental and low-enrolled classes, keeping “bread and butter” classes. S. Nakasone thinks that we won’t get the amount withheld by the governor, 125K, back.

2. This year the colleges will examine how our AAs match with the core requirements and with Hilo and Manoa. We will also decide whether we want to follow UH-M’s lead in instituting plus and minus grades. Members were asked to poll the departments.

3. F. McCoy called the Senators' attention to a letter responding to the Council of Community College Chairs' previous letter about Articulation, issues brought up in the Regents' meetings, and Reorganizations. Both the original letter from the Council of CC chairs and her response have been circulated to the membership via email. S. Uluave and A. Yim will receive hard copies. At the meeting of the FS chairs with President Dobelle, he will be asked about what he plans to do about the bad publicity he has received.

4. B. Moffat reported on the meeting of the three FS WCC chairs with Chancellor Meixell and Dean Pang. With the reductions in student help, departments are urged to take advantage of programs like the Bridge to Hope which are available. Rainy Day funds are being utilized to lessen the impact of severe budget cuts.

5. There is some concern about problems articulating WCC's AA with UH BA. (A student has had some problems transferring and has been admitted with special status)
   Also, the CIL requirement is going into effect. It has been suggested that staff take the test.

6. There was a general discussion about the late lamented bulletin. S. Uluave expressed the wishes of his department that it be re-instituted. E. Troeger no longer receives release time to set it up and work on it. It was understood that she would pass it on to someone else but as yet this has not
happened. Could Leilani return to doing the newsletter as she did before? She had said that no-one submitted items, and Emi solicited them. Could Susan Lee do it?

7. A. Yim suggested an open forum similar to the one held by C. Pang about the function of the Dean of Instruction’s Office, this one to address the issue of what the provost does.

8. MOTION: A motion was passed that charged the CAAC to look into WCC’s AA degree and see if it needs to be modified to conform to the GED requirement.

9. Members were asked to take the issue of the Bulletin to the membership.

10. P. Briggs spoke to the issue of budget constraints. According to him, the 148K figure comes from an organization called the Council on Revenues. If the state’s situation looks better, the Council will change the budget.

11. Some of the increased costs for the college include construction and electricity.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23.