Guest:  Veronica Jones (student government observer)

1. Minutes were approved with the following amendment: the Budget Committee is a STANDING committee.

2. Parking
A. Yim was concerned about a lack of enforcement of faculty-staff parking. Usually there is a guard on duty the first two weeks of class, then after that nothing. There is some hesitation to pursue this more actively, since it might result in ill will by students, especially if towing is involved. There are more parking lots proposed as part of the new building projects, which may ease the situation somewhat.

3. Plus and Minus Grading
P. Briggs thought that this option would bring more precision in grading. Other departments worried about increased confusion and disorder. The faculty senate moved to recommend that WCC make plus/minus grading optional, so that the grading system and numerical values be consistent throughout the system. The motion carried. This motion has only advisory value. It is not certain how quickly WCC use of the system could be implemented, although it is already in use at Manoa.

4. Faculty Senate Chairs
F. McCoy again recommended that the off campus faculty senate chair term be permanently increased to two, or even three years, perhaps not linked to the minute-taking function.

5. Reports
   a. UH has extended research grants for giving papers, etc. to UH—CC faculty
   b. Philosophy 110 has been articulated.
   c. The Board of Regents has okayed these WCC names: Paliku Theatre, Hale A’o, Koolau Kafê.
   d. A new Title III coordinator has been hired, Espin Borsten
   e. Directional Signs have been funded by the UH Foundation at a cost of less than $3000.
   f. October Electricity Bill: 56000.
   g. Each department or division has its own personnel committee, and can create its own guidelines. This is an opportunity for the DCs and Faculty senate to have some input. These guidelines have to be voted on. Carol has updated Pete’s document on personnel guidelines.
h. Assoc. of Community College Faculty Senate Chairs (Floyd)—EIF funds are back. Minutes will be taken for the COC and CAO, and will be available for consultation. Chris Lee is taking the Academy for Creative Media to the Board of Regents in January [It has since been approved]. C. Lee wants an Olelo studio here at WCC. Manoa has a new I.D. card which will include things like a debit card, photo ID, etc.—perhaps WCC will be able to have a similar “smart card.”

i. Service Opportunity College.—KCC is joining the SOC—The army wants to train cooks, but their standard is below KCC and WCC. There is a problem with civilians wanting to take classes on the bases (as people in the military get credit for classes taken here or at other colleges) but they can’t get on base without a sponsor. R. Perreira’s wife had a problem with this.

Other business

1. More on Banner: For the most part GPA is uniform on all campuses, with the exception of the “N” grade which most campuses don’t have. We may choose to give it up in the interests of uniformity. Perhaps the WD date could be extended into later in the semester. Also, there is a lack of uniformity in the completion date of the “I” grade, and problems with pre-requisites
2. Jean Okamura asked for information on Foundations. P. Briggs who is on the Gen. Ed. Committee, said he would report on it at the next meeting.
3. Jean Shibuya said that CAAC met, but that no new course actions were approved. The Manoa BA was discussed. It would be helpful to know how many CC students go to UHWO and UH-M in order to better organize the AA degree. There are currently 800 students in the system attending three or more campuses at one time.
4. WCC will have a float in the Kaneohe Christmas Parade on the 6th, and the theme is “All Creatures Great and Small.” Volunteers are welcome to help decorate, etc.
5. There may be another FS meeting in December, even if there isn’t a quorum [there wasn’t another meeting in December].
6. Convocation will occur on January 5th, with various other staff development activities that week. Frank Palacat will talk about gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and Intersexual issues at this meeting. There will also be a session on accreditation, and in the afternoon a staff development activity led by Dr. Paul Pearsall, a psychologist.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25.