Ringuette, J. Shibuya, E. Sugihara, M. Tom, A. Yim, F. McCoy, Ben Moffat (Presiding),
L. Tomchak (Recorder)
Student Government Representatives: Lisa Nunes, Baylina L. Kahalepauole

The Faculty Senate convened at 12:40. Approval of the minutes was deferred until the
next meeting.

Old Business
1. Plus/Minus grading
   The question of the plus/minus system was deferred from last academic year after the
   visit by administration. Sandy Matsui thought that there might be some impact on
   financial aid, due to the change in numerical grade values.

2. N grade.
   Floyd distributed a report called "On a Uniform Grading Scheme for the UH System,"
   which spoke of the history of the problem, surveyed grading schemes now at use in the
   system, and focused on LCC's experience. WASC and ACCJC both seemed to be in
   favor of uniformity, so they advocated eliminating the N. Peggy expressed the desire of
   Math/Business to keep the "N." The Student representatives described their experiences
   with it, and were in favor of keeping it. Only three other CCs have it now that LCC has
   eliminated it (Kauai HCC and HawaiiCC).

   Some senators thought that the "N" was a good option given the different nature of WCC
   compared to Manoa. This might be served by extending the "W" deadline, leaving it up
   to each campus to decide. One senator questioned the use of "F." Members were asked
   to poll their departments and bring the results to the next meeting.

3. Jeff Hunt--Institutional Research Report
   Ben will try to set a date for Jeff to come and report to the senate.

4. Budget
   The Budget committee continues to monitor the setting of budget priorities. Ben, Libby
   and Paul met with Sam Callejo. Word is that Fall '05 will be tight. Callejo seemed
   surprised when told that the campus ran on a deficit. President McClain reorganized the
   budget priorities, and the Library construction for WCC came out 17th. When it was
   made clear that this was not a new project, it moved up to 14th. The President has
   inserted some UHHilo projects.

5. Faculty Senate Chair Terms
   Floyd and Ben recommended that the current system be changed
   Off campus rep--two years
   Recorder and Secretary--one year.
Currently the secretary is a two-year position. It is deemed important that the off-campus representative serve two years so that there is some continuity. Senators were asked to poll their departments. This would require a constitutional change.

6. CAAC--AA degree Articulation and timetable (Jean Shibuya)
Jean reported that a motion was introduced to revise the AA requirements. Members of CAAC were in favor of a 6/6/6 unit distribution. 
No action has been taken on Gen Ed or Articulation. Liko reported that the meeting he attended only included information on Student Learning Outcomes. Faculty proposing courses should get materials in by February or earlier. They should allow some time in case materials are sent back for modification.

7. Communication on Campus
Angela has addressed the motion expressing concern about communication that the senate sent her in May by establishing a Campus Council, composed of Faculty Senate Chairs and DCs. It should meet once a month. Senators were encouraged to pass information to their departments, either by email or at scheduled meetings. There is no sign of a resuscitation of the Bulletin. Susan Lee's publication is a so-called "brag sheet," mainly for off-campus consumption, appearing twice a year.

8. Bulletin Board
There is as yet nothing new on the Board

New Business

1. There was some concern about the proposed NOAA building. WCC is among three finalists, along with Kakaako and a waterfront location. The location at WCC is across from Imiloa. Inouye is in favor of WCC as a site. Not all of the organization would move—the ships and weather facilities would stay where they are. When asked if the organization would use WCC electricity, Floyd said that they would be responsible for their own power. Also, some concern was expressed about the land being lost to WCC for other purposes.

2. Winston informed the membership that when Sandy Matsui assumes her new position in October and Charles takes over as interim dean of student services, Winston and Patti Chong will be the only two counselors. Robert Bachini is on a grant that restricts the special clientele he can serve. The counselors are trying to find out from Angela if another position will be filled. There is a position advertised that is 1/2 career and 1/2 student life. Winston asked for understanding of their understaffing for senate and other responsibilities.

3. An issue relating to cell phone use will be taken up at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20.