Faculty Senate convened at 12:40.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Old Business

A. AA Degree (Jean Shibuya)

   Members received the results of the CAAC straw poll concerning the AA degree.

   1. Foundations. Faculty voted for a Math requirement (i.e., that students place into Math 100 or successfully complete Math 25. The Oral Communications Requirement was approved, with the majority against expanding the requirement to include English 102, Eng 209, LSK 110 and Journalism 205 or the languages.

   2. Diversification. Faculty voted for 6 credits from each of the three groupings (Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. The results about removing Journ. 205, Eng 209, Eng 210, and Eng 211 from the literatures grouping were mixed, with many units deferring to Humanities and Lang Arts. When asked if Lang Arts should petition Soc Sciences to include Journ 150 in its area, Units deferred to the two units involved, Lang Arts and Soc Sciences.

   3. Should WCC have a CIL requirement? The majority voted yes.

   4. Should WCC change the WI requirement from 6 credits to "two courses"? The majority said yes.

   The next step is to hold a faculty forum to discuss these topics. This date was tentatively set for Dec. 3rd at 1:30. This forum would also discuss WCC participation in the Foundations Board.

Jean Shibuya said that the hot issues were the Math Requirement and the CIL requirement, although both received approval from the faculty. The Senate moved to ask Jean to draft a sample ballot to present to the Forum, and she agreed to do so.
2A. Revision of Faculty Senate Constitution
The proposed revisions involved electing the Secretary and Presiding Chair for a one-year term, and the off-campus member for two years to provide continuity. To revise the constitution, 1/3 of the faculty, or a majority of the senate is required. There must be a forum on the issue, with a vote five days after the forum. There would be one forum held for the three issues, the two one-year terms and the two year term.

2B. Date of Election. The current DCs are not up for re-appointment this year. Nonetheless, the Senate will hold elections to occur two weeks before the normally-scheduled DC elections. This should be stated in the constitution. Since the DC elections occur the second week of March, it was suggested that the Faculty Senate elections should be held the last week of February. This should be submitted to and voted upon by the Faculty.

2C. Faculty Relations Committee. Close reading of the Constitution revealed that the Faculty Relations Committee once included members from every department, and included in its functions to orient new faculty and students, as well as organize the Christmas party and express faculty sentiment on the occasions of transitions by faculty members (i.e., death of family members, new babies, etc.) The sentiment function has been occupied by the "Aloha Committee," which is now separate from Staff development and party planning. It was suggested that the Constitution be revised to reflect the current situation, and that proposed revisions could be discussed at a forum with the other revisions (see 2A & B above).

3. Reports
A. Ben Moffat--Meeting with Administration
WCC prepares for President McClain's visit on the afternoon of October 29th. Highlights of his visit will include a visit to the Library and a poster session on instructional goals and learning outcomes with the Instructional Effectiveness Committee.

Dennis Johnson has done a study comparing funding in the system with comparable institutions elsewhere. Once ETC was not included with WCC, Windward was revealed as underfunded. However, since UH-Manoa was also revealed as underfunded due to the high cost of educating students, they may benefit most from the study. With Sandy Matsui departing, there is a need for someone to manage grants. Robert Bachini may be able to manage the STAAR/TRIO funding. Leslie Opulauoho is the new counselor, 1/2 time academic advising and 1/2 time student life, a tenure-track position. Robert will move to the STAAR office, and Leslie will move into his office in the Akoakoa building.

B. Floyd McCoy
Floyd referred senators to the email he distributed about the systemwide reorganization, which will reduce the number of vice presidents from seven to six or five. Manoa has also submitted a reorganization plan, which was budgeted at 3 million, but only 750,000 has been given.

Controversy is brewing over the request by UH-Hilo to award doctorates in Hawaiian studies and Pharmacy. Manoa has traditionally been the only institution in the system to award doctorates, and they already have a Ph.D. program in Hawaiian Studies. There was some feeling that any pharmacy program should be located near the med school in Kakaako. Some senators expressed skepticism about the need for more pharmacists. UH-West Oahu has expressed support for the Ph.D. program in Hawaiian Studies. Floyd suggested that we keep neutral on the issue, to maintain good relations with both campuses.

Members were asked to poll the departments and express an opinion on how long McClain should stay in his interim position. The BOR has asked for three years to get UH back on track, WASC has recommended only two years and HCC 1 1/2.

Floyd also asked for feedback on the email he sent out on autonomy. It contains the Attorney General’s assessment of autonomy for UH. Representative Takai has said that UH has no autonomy.

4. Other Business
Members asked for an update on the Parent Participation Pre-School Program now located on campus, as well as for information about whether any sabbaticals will be funded. Mari asked who at WCC was monitoring compliance for persons with disabilities, and was told it was Yvette Malama.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.