FACULTY SENATE MINUTES, NOVEMBER 9, 2004
Palanakila 117, 12:40-1:20

Present: Paul Briggs, Winston Kong, Liko Hoe, Mari Nakamura, Peggy Regentine, Dave Ringuette, Jean Shibuya, Michael Tom, Aileen Yim, Floyd McCoy (presiding), Laurie Tomchak (recording), Baylina L. Kahalepauole (Student Government Representative)

1. Old Business--Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted

2. Continuing Business
   A. Forum on the Use of the "N" grade, Nov. 19, 1:30, Akoakoa 115  Mari expressed a certain discontent she has heard on the part of ETC about the extent to which ETC and WCC remain separate entities. ETC will be able to attend the forum but will not be given ballots, since they do not use a credit system. Similarly, ETC has its own Curriculum Committee, so does not have representation on the WCC Curriculum Committee. The Ballot will be based on the LCC ballot, which was distributed to the membership via Floyd's handout at the Oct. 5, 2004, meeting.

   B. Forum on revising the WCC AA degree, and WCC participation on the System Foundations board, will be Dec. 5 1:30, also in Akoakoa 115.

   C. Members expressed concern about possible glitches or security breaches in the electronic voting system that Peggy so kindly set up for us, so the ballots will be the traditional-paper-in-the-box-in-Alakai.

   D. Revising the Faculty Senate Constitution. Michael Tom pointed out that it doesn't include ETC or the Business & Math merger. Also, the description of the Faculty Relations committee does not correspond to current reality. It originally performed functions now fulfilled by Staff Development, and was composed of several dept. reps. Now it is just one person who sends cards, etc., when there is a personal loss or a baby born. There is a separate ad hoc committee for the December Holiday Party. The constitution should reflect current evolving reality, such as the provost becoming Chancellor. Also, members were asked to poll the departments about the change in the Faculty Senate Chair Terms--one year each for the recorder and convener, and two years for the off-campus member. The current constitution mandates one year as recorder followed by one year as off-campus member.

3. New Business

   A. CAAC. (Jean Shibuya) Four new courses were approved in Physics: 170 (General Physics 1, 4 credits), 170 L (Laboratory, 1 credit), 272 (General Physics 2, 4 credits), 272 L (Laboratory, 1 credit).

      Members asked: 1. Who would teach the classes? Jean said that Joe Ciotti or Jake Hudson, who has a degree in Physics, would step up to the plate. 2. Would there be enough enrollment to float them? It was pointed out that courses like Chemistry and Physics 151 have not had required enrollment. Jean said that it would be good to have
them on the books in case of demand. Also, perhaps high enrollment classes could subsidize curriculum expansion.

B. ACCFSC--Floyd McCoy--David McClain has become interim president, and a search committee has been formed to find a Chief Financial Officer, and perhaps a VP for Health Services. As is often the case, there is some concern that there is no money for either position.

Concerns about Banner--KCC says that some campuses have been not entering pre-requisites, resulting in students searching for courses without pre-requisites and enrolling, resulting in lessened enrollment for KCC. Members opined that other reasons might be responsible for KCC's lessened enrollment, such as their 1 year language requirement. Also, WCC enrollment is down 4%, despite non-restrictive AA degree.

Flood repair at Manoa may be partially or totally covered by insurance. [recent news stories have said that the coverage will probably not be total]. Manoa's overcrowding may result in shunting of lower division courses to other campuses. WCC will probably be affected, since it is one of the few campuses on Oahu with physical possibilities for growth. The courses would probably be taught by transplanted Manoa faculty.

C. College Counsel discussion of the University Center. Members were referred to the Minutes of the November 5, 2004 meeting. Relating to the above discussion of "shunting" courses to WCC, this could be an opportunity to set up facilities for other courses, even 300 level classes or honors courses. The salary of the U Center director and secretary could be funded from the vacant OCET position for the first 1/2 year, with the secretary paid by WCC funds after that. However if the money is used for University Center Director, WCC is committed to developing such a center. As said before, WCC is the only campus with room to grow, and the money constitutes an opportunity. Members were invited to discuss this with the departments.

D. Recodification of UH Statutes. Carol Twigg has been placed in charge of this project, which may involve redesigning large enrollment classes such as Psych 100 History 151 and English 100. Assessment has shown that a combination of teacher taught sections and technology-assisted learning and testing produces improved learner outcomes. Rather than five sections of thirty students, there would be one section of 150 with computer help in processing testing and written work. Margie and Frank in Psychology have been working with Mike Tom to assess the implications of this model, which is described as a different way of processing information. This Recodification also has the side benefit of funding upgrades in technology and personnel involved in the project. Senators were left to consider this information and discuss it with the departments as well. The relevant website is www.coursedesign.com.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.