FACULTY SENATE MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2004
12:40-1:20 PALANAKILA 117

Present: Baylina A. Kahalepauole (Student Representative), Michael Tom, Ben Moffat, Jean Shibuya, Aileen Yim, Winston Kong, Peggy Regentine, Laurie Tomchak (recorder)

Note: This was a special meeting about the AA Degree ballot.

Michael Tom pointed out that in the interests of clarity the ballot should make clear whether the proposed item is a change from the existing situation or is merely a referendum on continuing things as they are, i.e., "should WCC eliminate (or "retain") its CIL requirement?"

Regarding the written communications requirement, all the other CCs have this requirement.

As regards the Oral Communication requirement, Manoa's oral communication requirement is for 300 level or above. However, 151 is good for some majors.

Winston said that Student Services is against the CIL requirement because some students skip the AA because of it.

Peggy said that there are some students in her classes who are very vocal in their opposition to CIL, but their volume exceeds their number. CAAC says that a minimum of three years is required to fully assess a new course or program. Other campuses are watching WCC as they consider incorporating such a requirement.

One way to go is to require a 3 unit class (like ICS 100) that would be equivalent to passing the CIL requirements.

As far as the reduction from three courses to two in each of the three areas (Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences), this passed unanimously in the straw poll. We have a few courses that are not offered at Manoa, and they would be hard to classify in Manoa's system. Nonetheless, we can try to follow their guidelines.

Should we put the Foundations Issue on the Ballot with the AA issues? We will discuss it at the forum.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20. Jean said she would have a tentative ballot ready for the forum.