Present: Floyd McCoy, Ben Moffat, Liko Ho, Aileen Yim, Mari Nakamura, Baylina A Kahalepauole (Student Government Representative), Ryan Perreira, Peggy Regentine, Jean Shibuya, Evelyn Sugihara, Laurie Tomchak (Recorder)
Guest: Alain Ragains (Re: Oral Communications Requirement)

1. Previous Minutes were accepted as submitted.

2. Old Business

   A. AA Degree Ballot. Some additions were proposed and accepted.
      1. Item 2D: "Should Journalism 204 remain in (instead of "be added to") the Literatures grouping?"
         *(Journ 205 would not fulfill the DL requirement at UH-Manoa)*
      2. Item 3a: "Should there be a new requirement that in addition to fulfilling the mathematical and logical thinking requirement students must place into Math 100 or successfully complete Math 25?"

3. Alan Ragains spoke about the proposal to add Theatre 221 and 222, LSK 110, English 102, and the languages as choices to satisfy the Oral Communications Requirement. He proposed deleting this item. 
   "...are people making the decision aware of and understand the core components of communications, especially when it is not their field of study?” If the senate is interested in qualifying other classes to fulfill the oral communications requirement, then it should establish an Oral Focus Committee at WCC with faculty specializing in communication. There is such a committee at HCC. Following this proposal, the senators discussed the nature of theatre and communication classes, based on statements by Dr. Kelly Aune, Chair of Speech and Communications at UH-M that communication is based on an honest representation of self, while in theatre, the actor does not represent himself and his own ideas. There is "an invisible wall through which the audience is allowed to observe the action. The purpose of communication is to break down those walls, not to create them." It was also observed that nowhere in the UHCC system is theatre accepted as fulfilling the oral requirement for the AA. As a result of this discussion, it was moved to eliminate question 1b, asking only for 1a if WCC should adopt UH-Manoa's designations... and for 1b: Should WCC continue to have an Oral Communications requirement? This motion was seconded and passed.
B. N Grade. There were some members who questioned the vote to retain the "N" grade (the option was retained with further definition to assure acceptance by accrediting bodies, and the motion has been forwarded to administration), saying that LCC was questioning their own vote (our ballot was based on theirs). Ben clarified that LCC had voted to eliminate the N grade but that faculty felt that since there was a low turn-out that the vote didn't express their views (i.e., they wanted to re-instate the "N" option). At any rate, this issue can always be re-examined at a later date.

C. Liko spoke of the HAP (Hawaii-Asian-Pacific) Requirement. Currently we don't have the classes to support it. Botany 104 and Hawaiian History 107 satisfy this requirement for Manoa. The students who will be going to the mainland have traditionally resisted the imposition of a 3 credit requirement. Manoa has a committee to give the HAP designation with hallmarks, etc. Liko said that he and Mark Hamasaki will keep this issue alive.

D. It was moved to accept the amended AA Ballot. The motion was seconded and passed.

E. Meeting with administration (Ben) We are not ready yet to issue ID cards at our campus, though we have the equipment. As to the issue of an APT requesting administrative leave, that request was denied. Also, WCC has so far resisted instating a Vice Chancellor Position to bring itself in line with the other campuses. Currently two legislators have strong windward ties. Clayton Yee is a former instructor at WCC and Tommy Waters, an environmental lawyer is on the Education Committee.

F. Foundations Board: We could vote on it now since we had a forum on it. It was moved, seconded and passed to vote on the issue after the AA Ballot is voted on.

2. New Business.

A. Mari distributed a memo about Faculty Senate and Staff Development sponsoring a forum on "Accomodations in the Classroom for individuals with learning disabilities for WCC/ETC" at convocation or some other time. This will be discussed at the January 4th meeting.

B. University Center. There is still time begin working on having a University Center at WCC, either along the model of Kauai or Maui. This has been discussed at the Campus Council and DC meeting. If we don't act on it, the money will be taken away.
3. Reports
Floyd reported on resurrecting the idea of Middle College. Karla Jones will come to the senate alone to speak to the members. Castle Foundation has funded various science programs for bright students. The recodification of university statutes continues. The damage to the library from the recent floods is far in excess of 25 million dollars (the amount covered by insurance). This will have an impact on the budget. Input on Banner has been solicited.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20.