Present: Ben Moffat (Presiding), Floyd McCoy (Campuswide Rep), Ryan Perreira, Peggy Regentine, Mari Nakamura, Evelyn Sugihara, Liko Hoe, Mike Tom, Aileen Yim, Jean Shibuya, Dave Ringuette, Laurie Tomchak (Recorder)

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

New Business

1. Ballot-- Amendments to Faculty Senate Constitution

   Amendment 2--Should .5 or above Lecturers be included as officers of the senate? Not Chancellor appointed? (Regents should be replaced by Chancellor) The problem with including Lecturers is that their coursload may vary from semester to semester. It was moved seconded and voted to add another choice to permit lecturers to serve as officers.

   The question arose of when the constitution would be effective. It was moved that it be effective in Fall of 2005. The motion was seconded and passed.

   For amendment 8, it was proposed that the quorum be expressed as a percentage rather than a number, or 66 %. This amendment passed.

   Amendment 6: It was pointed out that the ETC curriculum committee has not met since the WCC/ETC merger. It is important, however, that they have their own committee (and continue to serve on WCC's credit committee) for accreditation purposes. In practice, they change curriculum in a faster and less committee bound manner, in order to keep up with demand.

   Ben will come back with a revised ballot after Spring Break.

2. CAAC--Jean Shibuya.

The CAAC met on March 8th and nine actions were taken

   A. Approved the revision of the Academic Subject Certificate in Art from a multiple genre certificate to a more specific Academic Subject Certificate in Art: Drawing and Painting.

   B. Approved, with editorial corrections, the Policy and Guidelines for the Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee
C. Approved the title and course description modification for CHEM 100 Chemistry and Man to CHEM 100 Chemistry and Society

D. Approved the course description modification for CHM 151: Elementary Survey of Chemistry.

E. Approved the course description modification for CHEM 161: General Chemistry I

F. Approved the course description modification for CHEM 162: General Chemistry II

G. Approved the course description modification and elimination of lab for MUH 253: Basic Experiences of Music,

H. Approved the modification of prerequisites or co-requisites for ART 224: Painting from Life.

I. Approved the new experimental course HUM 197: Common Book: 1 unit.

Regarding I, it was pointed out that the common book course was initially proposed as a free course for the college, since Brian would teach it without receiving additional salary. The idea of the course was of enrichment, not credit. It was decided to make it an IS course, with 1-3 credits, as an elective. It will be experimental for three years. Some doubts were expressed that if Brian were not to teach the class, that someone else would do it for free.

Following this discussion all the CAAC actions were ratified.


The main topic on everyone's mind systemwide is McClain's proposal to add a Vice-President for Community Colleges. Some are worried that this would lead us back to the old days, when Joyce was president. John Morton's proposal has met with some interest. Either the VC position would be rotated through the COC or it would be a VC with less power than previous. Would the Chancellors have time to do this as well as run their campuses? The Chancellors enjoy their access to the Chancellor, and are afraid of a diminishment of access. Nonetheless, this issue will probably pass with the threat of losing Accreditation hanging over the campus.

A bill is being proposed to create an advisory Committee for choosing the Board of Regents. Floyd will keep an eye on it.