WCC Faculty Senate Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

12:40    Palanakila Conference Room

Present:  Ron Loo (Presiding Chair), Floyd McCoy (Off-Campus Chair), Toshi Ikagawa, Emi Troeger, Sarah Hadmack, Winston Kong, Jean Shibuya, Diane Goo, Tara Severns, Kalani Meinecke, Mari Nakamura (temporary notes taker)

Absent:   Paul Briggs (Recording Chair), Leticia Colmenares, Ryan Perreira, Javen Robinson

Guests:   Connie Turner; Linka Mullikin

[Green font indicates issues for FS representatives to take back to departments. Blue font indicates corrections and additional information from FS representatives.]

I. Approval of Minutes for February 21, 2007, Accepted as corrected below:
   Page 2, Section III, Committee Reports, Bulleted Item 3
   “SOS” should read “SOC”
   “3 separate paragraphs should be amended to “3 separate fragments”

   Page 2, End of Section III, Committee Reports
   End of this section to include “A motion was made to approve the above, was seconded, put to a vote, and passed.”

   Page 2, Section IV v.ii., Old Business
   “Possible faculty member should read “Possibly a former faculty member”

Two suggestions regarding FS minutes were made from the floor:
 a. FS minutes should note results of voting—motions made, seconded, and passed/not passed
 b. FS minutes should have “headers” and “indentations” to facilitate reading

These suggestions have been duly noted and future FS minutes will reflect these recommendations.
II. Council of Faculty Senate Report

(Please refer to e-mailed “Notes from BOR, ACCFSC and CCFSC Meetings, UHM, Feb.22,2007 sent by Floyd McCoy on March 7, 2007.)

Floyd McCoy commented briefly on the following:

ACCFSC

- Representative on Regents’ Advisory Council: Due to an urgent request by Senator Norman Sakamoto, Tom Ramsey was elected to serve on the new Regents’ Advisory Council. The ACCFSC determined that the representative shall “not be an active member of the ACCFSC or any campus [FS], not be an active member of the UHPA board” but could be an active or retired faculty member.

- Bookstore Markup: UH-Mānoa Bookstore has a 40% markup. Floyd asked that FS representatives ask their departments whether anyone had any ideas about what could be done. (Refer to “Notes” for more details)

- UHH Issue with Shortness of Semester Breaks: Unfortunately, short semester breaks will occur within a 5-year cycle. (Refer to “Notes.”)

- Update on Hamilton Library: Without support for the Library UH’s ranking as a top-notch research university will be affected; research is the 3rd largest source of income for the State. However, the biennial budget should provide some relief. The floor had some discussion that although only 17% of the research was actually read, the purpose and value of research is to keep it available for the future, not necessarily the present.

- Concern of UH Listserv Use: Listserv has been improperly used for research purposes; need to manage/monitor better. (See “Notes”)

- President’s Report: An item of interest is “the elevation of the ITS Director to Vice President (although ITS remains under UHM, thus David Lassner would have two reporting lines to the System Pres. and the UHM Chancellor).” (Refer to “Notes”)

CCCFSC

- Duplication of Programs and Competition for Funding Programs Between CCs: The example discussed on the floor was WCC’s Polynesian Voyaging course, initiated at WCC but since “duplicated” at and funded for HCC. FS guest, Linka Mulliken, added to the discussion that WCC was working to create a viable program between HCC, UH, and WCC. With innovation, sometimes duplication occurs; however, this does not preclude further development. Competition comes with innovation.
• FS Ratings: Floyd designated that WCC FS is “right in the middle—not proactive and not reactive.” (Refer to chart on FS Unit Ratings in “Notes.”)

This Section ended with Floyd’s announcement that there would be another meeting soon.

III. Committee Reports
CCAAC met on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. CCAAC Chair, Jean Shibuya, presented FS members with a printout of the results of the meeting:
  1. Approval of new course proposal for REL 202 Understanding Indian Religion (3 credits)
  2. Approval of modification in course description of ART 108 Elementary Studio: Drawing and Painting (3 credits)
In addition, CCAAC is reviewing all courses listed in the UH Banner system. Individual departments will be determining which courses are to be archived according to the following criteria:
  ▪ no longer offered
  ▪ have never been offered
  ▪ have been replaced by other courses
It should be noted that archived courses will not be deleted but will provide a historical record for reference (name/title, course number, any changed, etc.), especially for transcript evaluation. Archived courses may be reactivated through appropriate procedure.

A motion was made to approve the above, was seconded, and put to a vote: The motion was passed.

IV. Old Business
Faculty Schedule Review Survey: This is scheduled for Fall 2007 Convocation. Ramsey Pedersen, HCC Chancellor, and John Morton, former Chancellor at KCC (currently Interim VP of CCs), are scheduled to speak at the Fall 2007 Convocation.

Academic Freedom Statement for Faculty: Questions as to the purpose for including such a statement were raised. Discussion by FS representatives and Linka Mullikin addressed the AACJC’s question on why such a statement was not available in the WCC Catalogue. The FS concluded that at this time the statement that WCC follows the guidelines in the current UHPA Agreement suffices.

V. New Business
a. Abolition of ATS Program, Jean Shibuya
This will be discussed at a future FS meeting. If support is strong to abolish the ATS degree, it would be put to a campus wide faculty vote. No date was specified.

b. Establishment of HAP Board, Jean Shibuya
Not all FS representatives had had enough time to review the HAP Hallmarks before this meeting. However discussion involved the advantages of having a WCC HAP Foundation Board on campus to facilitate establishing HAP courses. Without our own Board, communication for approval would not be timely or efficient.

Jean Shibuya reported that it would not be a requirement for WCC to have a HAP requirement for the AA degree while we were setting up a board. Discussion included pros and cons: Requiring a HAP course for the AA would be excellent for ensuring student awareness of our shared cultures but would diminish the choice of an elective. With HAP in place there might be a need for more instructors to meet the Hallmarks, especially for the prevalent “native voice” requirement. There might be a need for a day-by-day or week-by-week lesson plan or syllabus to show the intersection of the 3 HAP foci. Reports from the various departments ranged from unsure, divided, to unenthusiastic. It was mentioned that UH—Hilo and Hawaii CC were following their own course and not going along with HAP.

In conclusion, the FS decided to take 2 questions back to their departments to report back on March 21, 2007:
1. Should we set up a WCC HAP Board?
2. Do we want a HAP focus for the AA degree?

c. ADOP (Advanced Degree Options Program)
The idea of a University Center has been discussed on the WCC campus since 2000. It has been mentioned in WCC’s Strategic Plan (2004 under Shared Resources, page 18) but has not been on the FS Agenda recently. Our WCC Accreditation Self-Study included WCC’s intention to accrue a coordinator for the ADOP. Several FS representatives were unaware and were unsure of this position’s function within WCC. When it became clear that having a University Center would be a drain on WCC’s limited resources, we thought it had been dropped. Linka has been working on the ADOP idea for quite awhile although it may not have been common knowledge. It seems that WCC faculty and staff are unclear on what has developed regarding ADOP. The Coordinator, Office of University Partners, Connie Turner, introduced herself, mentioning that she has been on
board since January 8, 2007. Connie asked for ideas and input. She falls under Linka's supervision.

Linka further explained that this program was created so that students living on the Windward side could receive 4-year degrees within the Windward community, particularly at WCC, without having to trek across the Koolaus to other campuses. The intent was to “share” the WCC campus with other postsecondary institutions such as Chaminade University, thereby providing Windward residents with opportunities to major in high paying fields such as forensic science or criminal justice, courses and majors not currently offered through WCC. The added plus was that these students would see the advantage of acquiring their Gen Ed requirements through WCC since these were already available here. There was an all-college-campus forum with Lynn Fukuda for groundwork regarding ADOP (no notes available).

To some of the questions from the FS floor, Linka answered that ADOP is essentially someone else coming to use our facilities and to receive a degree. There will be both live, in-classroom instruction as well as distance ed. WCC will not charge other institutions for use of classroom space. WCC will not provide counselors or other academic support for students in the ADOP program (other institutions will). Space will be assigned to ADOP only after all WCC courses have been serviced.

The questions regarding ADOP and the coming on board of the University Relations coordinator point to a larger issue of the lack of dissemination of information—an absence of communication—to faculty and staff. There have been other instances where WCC faculty and staff were unaware of names and functions of WCC personnel. A suggestion from the floor was that the FS form a resolution to address a growing problem.

Should WCC offer a forum on ADOP?

d. Nominations for FS Positions
Finally, the Presiding Chair mentioned the need for nominations for his position and the Off-Campus Chair’s position within the FS. We have 3 more meetings scheduled: March 31st, April 4th, and April 18th. The chair asked that FS representatives provide nominations before both terms were up.

VI. Adjournment at 2:00 pm.