ACCFSC REPORT

I. Continuing Business

a. President McClain’s request for a more definitive Faculty Consultative Body at the UH system level. The Governance Committee (members include Harry Davis (Kapiolani CC), Barbara Leonard (UH-Hilo), Jim Poole (Honolulu CC), Jim Carpenter (UH-Manoa) and Linda Johnsrud (UH system) plan to meet Oct. 14 to discuss a workable model of “shared governance” that could be applied to the UH-system.
b. ACCFSC memos – ACCFSC needs to be included on the UH governance web site. VP Johnsrud will follow up.
c. Discipline meetings – A UH system Math Summit will be held October 10 at WCC involving about 60 people from all campuses plus DOE resource people to address student preparedness, course alignment and teaching strategies and pedagogy. One of the goals is to arrive at some agreement between DOE and the colleges of what is considered a of UH Strategic Outcomes - Harry Davis is proposing setting up a “wikipedia-style” site to act as a forum for the UH Strategic Outcomes. Such a site would invite faculty to discuss concerns related to delivering on the Strategic Outcomes in the face of budget cuts.

II. New Business

a. Faculty’s first paychecks – President McClain said the UH system is trying to find ways to expedite the paycheck process for new faculty. He said currently there are 17 documents required of new hires before they can receive their first paycheck; however, it turns out that the majority can be completed after the person is on board.
b. Fall semester enrollment, other updates - President McClain thanked faculty for accommodating the enrollment growth on the UH campuses. The fall enrollment of 53,500 is the largest in UH history. He also announced the completion of the new Frear Hall dormitory, which came in on budget, and the second cohort of the UH Emerging Leaders group.
c. “Making the Elephant (UH bureaucracy) Dance Award” – Quarterly awards will be given to anyone in the UH system who can devise innovative ways of delivering services to students and the community. Examples during the past year include Hawaii CC’s Kama‘aina Application geared for high school students to make the UH Common Application more user-friendly and UH-Manoa’s student sustainability coordinator, Shanah Trevenna, who helps coordinate the Sustainable Saunders initiative. President McClain reported that UH-Manoa’s energy use is down 6%.
d. Regents Advisory Council – The Council is looking for nominations of people who want to serve.
e. Centennial Campaign – The UH Foundation is in the midst of a campaign to raise $275 million in private gifts; to date, it has brought in $244 million.

f. University Budget Report – President McClain said in light of the slowing state economy, Governor Lingle has asked UH to provide three scenarios for implementing a 10 percent, 15 percent and 20 percent reduction in the UH system budget involving discretionary, non-instructional funds. He said the campuses have been asked to avoid across-the-board cuts. Hires for direct instruction are not frozen, but general funded hires are frozen although chancellors can make exceptions. (Also see recent budget memo from VP Morton.

g. New UHPA contact – President McClain said UHPA asked for “interest arbitration” in which each side makes a final and best offer, then an arbitrator renders a decision. The UH administration is opposed to such an approach.

CCCFSC REPORT

I. VP Morton report

a. Community College budgets – VP John Morton continued the budget discussion by reminding the colleges that there is increased revenue coming in through tuition dollars, although the CC tuition increase isn’t sufficient to cover the cuts. He said, it “behooves us to look at where permanent reductions can be made,” including weak programs that may be ineffective. He said funds saved on a CIP project could be moved within the categories of planning, construction and equipment. The next CIP biennium budget will include a request for equipment funds for WCC’s new Library Learning Commons.

He said he recognizes that smaller campuses may have a more difficult time identifying areas to cut, but he doesn’t want campuses “to ignore programs that shouldn’t be running.” He also encouraged campuses to reduce energy consumption as measured in kilowatt hours per square foot. Among the measures he said that could be considered are alternative scheduling for some offices (such as four-day work weeks) consolidating classes into certain buildings so others wouldn’t have to be open. It was acknowledged that air conditioning for the buildings accounted for the largest cost increase.

b. Workplace violence – VP Morton’s office is talking about developing a workshop for people who are the points of contact for campus issues of this kind and may be called upon to intervene. This would include human resources staff, department chairs and security personnel. The training would focus on what are appropriate responses so there is a consistent protocol across the CC system.

(Other issues on the agenda were already discussed by the ACCFSC)