

Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, March 20th, 2012
1:00-2:00 PM Palanakila 117

Members present Kay Beach(MAT/BUS), Paul Briggs (Off Campus Chair), Gerri Kabei (CCE/OCET), Ross Langston (Presiding Chair), Frank Palacat (SOC SCI), Carla Rogers (Student Affairs), Mary Segura (LANG), Mike Tom (SUP), Kathleen Zane (Recording Chair)
Kathleen French (CCAAC Chair)

Guests Robert Fread (WCC Student)

- 1) **Call to Order 1:02 pm**
- 2) **The Minutes of the March 6th 2012 meeting** were unanimously approved.
- 3) **UH Gmail Transition (Robert Fread)**

Referring to documents he had organized and sent to the Faculty Senate, Robert F. reported that previously expressed concerns about the automatic migration to gmail had never been addressed by the administration. He informed the WCC Faculty Senate that their UH Manoa counterpart would be meeting tomorrow to condemn the administration's agenda for the automatic transfer to Google. He reported on the history of instances of privacy concerns with Google, such as the storage of users' logins and passwords on international servers, and that Google had admitted to and been fined for illegally tracking data from private wi fis in France to the Google map. He also cited reports such as last week's story on the US Fair Trade commission, that Google had bypassed privacy settings and been fined per breach, and the violation of contracts with personal users of gmail. He reported that the FTC had ordered Google to stop these policies of how it records and keeps information, and noted that the UH contract with Google, section 10.1 designates Google as a School Official as defined in FERPA. Robert F. wants an alternative or viable option so that he won't need to migrate and can use a separate email.

Ross L. remarked that having two systems up was not economical and noted that one could ask to have other email services but would still have to go on to Google. Asked how he wanted Faculty Senate to act, Robert F. responded that he would want support for email options that don't include Google. Agreeing that the privacy issues are legitimate, Paul B. recommended that Robert F. contact David Lassner directly to address these concerns. Robert F. reiterated that outsourcing email is a serious matter and that Google is not the best option. Carla R. asked whether Robert F. is working with ASUH and whether student approval had been sought. Ross L. requested that the concerns outlined by Robert F. be taken back to the departments for feedback.

4) Reports

A) CCAAC (Kathleen French)

Kathleen F. reported that the following courses proposals approved by the CCAAC had been sent out to the Faculty Senate, whose vote of approval was being requested.

New Courses

1. BUS 122B: Introduction to Entrepreneurship: Sustainable Agriculture
2. AG 170: Introduction to Aquaponics

Course Modifications:

1. ICS 107
2. ICS 115
3. ICS 121
4. ICS 123
5. ICS 163
6. MATH 19
7. MATH 28

The new course proposals and course modifications were approved unanimously.

B) Planning, Budget & Accreditation (Ross Langston)

Ross L. reported there would be a meeting on Friday.

C) Policies and Procedures (Jan Lubin).

Floyd M.'s proposal for a policy on electronic devices being prohibited from use in examinations has been posted on the Discussion board and the comments offered will be incorporated into his proposal. The policy needs clarification and Floyd M. will be asked to provide this.

D) Assigned Time Committee (Paul Briggs, Frank Palacat, Kay Beach)

The committee announced that the deadline for assigned time applications is March 27.

E) ACCFSC/CCCFSC (Paul Briggs)

1. Common Course Numbering

In a discussion of departmental feedback, Paula R. reported that Student Services felt the measure should not be just Manoa-led; Math/Bus were in favor of trying; Sciences were more reserved in enthusiasm; Soc Sci was in favor, but wanted assurance that it would not be made a top down decision. There was general approval in favor of common course numbering as a means of making articulation easier for students.

2. "Fifteen to Finish" Campaign

Paul B. reported on the "15 to Finish" public relations campaign to encourage students to take 15 credits a semester. The campaign promotes the lower cost for students. There is also data showing that students who take 15 or more credits have higher GPAs, better graduation rates, and increased retention. There are mixed results on student achievement though, and higher grades and graduation rates may be the result of student self selection.

3. Legislative Update-Stephanie Kim (UH Director of Government Relations)

Paul B. reviewed and summarized the update:

- At the halfway mark, the Council on Revenue forecast is good.
- There is a Senate bill to have a Constitutional Amendment to Regents Candidate Advisory Council, which would abolish the RCAC, putting the power in the Governor's hands to send names to the Senate.
- Legislative bills may be viewed on the Hawaii State Legislative website, www.capitol.hawaii.gov where specific bills that relate to UH can be tracked.

4. Library Update-Library Council

The Library Council is trying to petition to petition the UH System for access to data bases that are UH Manoa-specific without affecting the existing budgets for each of the campuses for non-consortium projects. The issue is that other UH campuses do not currently have access to UHM databases, for which UHM has to pay.

In the WCC Faculty Senate discussion, it was noted that UHCC faculty do not have access to many of the databases to which students at UH Manoa have access.

5. ITS Update

David Lassner gave an ITS update in which he discussed the various improvements to ITS over the past year, including an Integrated Registration System, the replacement of HITS with POLYCOM technology, and the migration to gmail in the absence of negatives from the various Faculty Senates. Paul B. reported that David Lassner is aware of Robert Fread's petition and the issues surrounding the opposition to the migration to gmail.

5) Old Business

a. Credit Hour Definition Policy

Departments were reportedly briefed but there were no new responses.

b. WCC Budget Shortfall

There were no comments on the report concerning the WCC budget shortfall.

c. Indigenous-Serving Institution College Taskforce

The following faculty members were selected at random to serve on this taskforce and will be notified: Sarah Hodell (Counselor), Nancy Heu (Librarian), Toni Martin (Art Faculty).

e. Encouraging Participation of Freshmen in Learning Communities (Carla Rogers).

In the February 28th senate meeting, Carla pointed out that students who enrolled in both Math and English classes during their first semester had poor success/course completion rates. In contrast, students who participated in a Learning Community had much higher success rates in both ENG and MATH courses. Student Services would like to encourage/require all first-semester students to enroll in a learning community (typically IS 103 + another course).

Carla R. reported that the Student Services department is still working on developing the First Year Learning Experience components. Frank P. reported there was interest expressed by Social Sciences. Ross L. indicated an interest in the pairing of veterinary and math courses, as well as that of pharmacology and math. Paul B. suggested the possibility of pairing economics and either Math or English. The question of conducting a Learning Community Training in the summer for implementation in the fall was raised. It was decided to leave this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

f. Concerns regarding online voting & discussion board (Segura).

The question was focused on whether the Senate should develop policies and procedures to govern the use of online discussion boards and online voting for Senate matters. Senators were asked to return to the next meeting with their respective departmental input.

Carla R. asked for the development of guidelines, citing the confusion over the role of Faculty Senate.

Kathleen F. reviewed the Constitution and clarified that Faculty Senate may act in an advisory capacity on any policy given to the Presiding Chair. She suggested that the conversation needs to shift to a policy for creating policy and what the Chair does with a new policy. Some of the subcommittees are not recognized in the Constitution, and there is a need for definitions of functions and filling in holes in the Constitution. Mary S. reported that former Faculty Senator Robert Barclay had passed the policies along with passing on the Discussion Board site to Dean Brian Richardson. Mary S. expressed her understanding that some faculty members felt that neglecting to consider these matters might impact governance. Ross L. reminded Faculty Senate that the Constitution doesn't specify what the procedures and policies are.

6) New Business

a. Use of SLO Assessment Results in Faculty Tenure & Promotion Decisions

As previously mentioned, the union contract prohibits the use of SLO assessment results in determining faculty tenure and promotion decisions. Jane Uyetake, on behalf of the self assessment subcommittee, has asked if faculty want a formal statement that these are not to be used. Frank P. clarified that the results of the SLOs are not used to evaluate a faculty member, but that is not to say that the SLOs will not be assessed.

b. Elections for Faculty Senate Presiding Chair and Recording Chair (2012-2013)

Ross L. announced that the terms of service for the current Faculty Senate Presiding Chair and Recording Chair will end at the end of this semester and that elections will be held for the 2012-2013 academic year.

c. Evening Schedule Ad-Hoc Committee

Dean Richardson is looking for faculty volunteers to serve on an ad-hoc committee to develop a better selection of evening course offerings. He has conducted an online survey to evaluate students' needs for evening courses. Carla R. volunteered.

7) The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.