

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Tuesday November 19th, 2013
1:00-2:00 pm, Palanakila 117

2013-2014 Senators Present:

Dave Krupp (Off-Campus Chair)
Deacon Hanson (Math/Business)
Ellen Nagae (Academic Support)
Floyd McCoy (Natural Sciences)
Heipua Ka'ōpua (Recording Chair)
Jamie Boyd (OCCE)

Janine Oshiro (Language Arts)
Ka'ala Carmack (Humanities)
Kathleen French (CC Chair) Ex-Officio
Kathleen French (Social Sciences)
Liko Hoe (Presiding Chair)
Lisa Gillis-Davis (Student Affairs)

1. Called to Order: 1:00pm

2. Approval of November 5, 2013 Minutes. Approval of the minutes of November 5, 2013 passes *via voce* which is Italian for "live voice." This expression is used when a voice vote is taken.

3. New Business

- A.** Foundations Board Charter (Jean Okumura) discussed the FB Charter. She explained that the FB Charter oversees the FW, FG(A/B/C), and FS general education requirements.

4. Reports

- A. Curriculum Committee (CC) (Kathleen French)**
Modification of CA in Agripharmtech: "Change Math 103 to "[Math 103 or higher](#)" and change BOT 210 Phytobiotechnology to "[BOT 210 Phytobiotechnology or BIOL 275 and BIOL 275L Cell and Molecular Biology](#)". Motion to approve modifications by Deacon Hanson; seconded by Ellen Nagae. Motion passes *via voce*.

The curriculum committee was asked to put the IS 103 course on the discussion board for 10 weeks (11/13/13-1/21/14), rather than wait until Spring semester (since it wasn't submitted in time for the last curriculum meeting of the Fall semester).

Typically, proposals go on the discussion board for at least two weeks, during which time the proposer has the opportunity to make whatever changes he/she desires to the proposal. Then, if the proposer wants to submit the proposal to the curriculum committee, it must be submitted to the committee at least one week before the next committee meeting, so that the committee has that week before the meeting to assess the document.

B. Off Campus (Dave Krupp)

- 1. BOR Sponsored Cost of Higher Education Meeting:** The BOR sponsored the Cost of Higher Education Meeting on November 1, 2013. This meeting brought in UH campus leaders and representatives, along with BOR members, private sector participants, and invited speakers to discuss the budgetary realities of higher education in Hawai'i. After several presentations (e.g., see <http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2013/11/04/vp-linda-johnsrud-speaks-at-public-higher-education-forum/>), the participants were asked to brainstorm ways to increase the productivity of higher education without a corresponding increase in funding. Some of the ideas suggested included consolidating course replication, fine-tuning programs to provide students with more efficient paths to completion, and use of distance

learning technologies. Since distance learning (e.g., online classes) seemed to be an important theme potentially providing cost effectiveness and competitive benefits in the higher education market, the WCC FS discussed pros and cons of online education methods and strategies.

2. **UH Sustainability Policy:** A system-wide effort is taking place to create a sustainability policy for UH Mānoa on three levels: BOR policy/UH System policy/campus-by-campus policies. The second Sustainability Summit will take place March 13-15, 2014 hosted by WCC. This Summit will provide WCC an opportunity to showcase our efforts, and those of our community, towards sustainability including Hale 'Ao reservoir, the lo'i, aquaponics, partnerships with fish ponds, possible decommissioning of the Kāne'ohe Pre-Treatment Sewage Plant, a rain garden near Hale 'Imiloa, and the formation of a student Sustainability Club under the supervision of Rachel Harvey and Floyd McCoy. Floyd McCoy, Rachel Harvey, Woody Garrison, and Dave Krupp are all part of the Sustainability Summit planning group. Dave suggested reestablishing the Ecology Action team (perhaps under a different name). Hopefully, the Summit will trigger more responsive actions on this campus. The deadline for submitting proposals for making presentations at the Sustainability Summit is Jan. 20, 2014
3. **Faculty Work Life Survey:** This survey was an agenda item at the ACCFSC meeting. Floyd McCoy stated that the previous survey in 2006 resulted in changes to faculty housing and originated Faculty Dependent Scholarships. FS wants to know what will happen as result of a new survey. Floyd moved to recommend a Faculty Work Life Survey to continue an important data set to monitor a healthy university. Jamie Boyd added that the survey data should be widely disseminated resulting in proactive actions based on survey findings. Janine Oshiro seconded the motion; Motion passes *via voce*.

5. Old Business

A. Senior Citizen Visitors Pass (Lisa Gillis-Davis)

1. Instructors can charge for handouts/materials
2. Residency requirement is in line with other CCs
3. Instructors may choose not to grade coursework
4. Visitors don't get student IDs, or access to Laulima; not registered in class; but faculty can add a "guest" to Laulima
5. Janine Oshiro (Language Arts), Kathleen French (Social Science) and Floyd McCoy (Natural Science) mentioned that their departments are in favor of the SCV pass.

B. Teaching Equivalencies Committee Report (Liko Hoe) – The committee passed Letty Colmenares' request to develop a new Associate of Science in Natural Science (ASNS) degree.

6. Adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

7. Next FS Meeting (and final meeting for Fall 2013) is December 3, 2013, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Spring 2014 FS Meeting Dates:

- Jan 21, 2014 Mar 18, 2014
- Feb 4, 2014 April 1, 2014
- Feb 18, 2014 Apr 15, 2014
- Mar 4, 2014 May 6, 2014

Minutes submitted by: Heipua Ka'ōpua, PhD, Recording Chair