

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, September 1, 2015
1:00-2:00 pm Palanakila 117

Senators Present:

FLOYD MCCOY (PRESIDING CHAIR)
DAVE KRUPP (OFF-CAMPUS CHAIR)
JENNY WEBSTER (RECORDING CHAIR)
Laura Sue (Math/Business)
Mariko Kershaw (Academic Support)
Jamie Boyd (OCCE)
Jenny Webster (Language Arts)
Lance Uyeda (CC Chair) Ex-Officio
Christian Palmer (Social Sciences)
Kate Zane (Student Affairs)

Senators Absent: Hongwei Li (Natural Sciences), Ka'ala Carmack (Humanities)

Guests Present: Jan Lubin

- 1. The meeting was opened at 1:05 pm.**
- 2. Approval of 4.21.15 minutes**
- 3. Approval of 5.5.15 minutes**
- 4. Reports**

A. Curriculum Committee (Lance Uyeda)

Lance reported that the Curriculum Committee approval process was discussed and reaffirmed. In addition, the committee suggests that people discuss the new courses they wish to propose with their department chairs before submitting them to the committee.

Lance also announced that the new curriculum management system (KUALI) would be up by July 1, 2016.

B. Writing Advisory Board (Susan St. John)

No report

C. Foundations Board Report (Jean Okumura)

No report

D. Aloha Committee Report (Jane Uyetake)

No report

E. Accreditation and Strategic Planning (Jan Lubin)

Jan announced that the mid-semester report is up on the discussion board and will be up until September 11, 2015. Likewise, the committee will be working with the Curriculum Committee to evaluate the currency of all courses and programs to determine which have not been taught in five years.

F. Aesthetics (Floyd McCoy)

No report

G. MapSac

No report

Still, Jamie informed the senate of an upcoming neighborhood board meeting that will discuss whether or not the state hospital will be giving the parcel of land on the east side of campus back to WCC. It was noted that the word on it as of last semester was that the land is not coming back to the campus and instead will be used by the state hospital to build an in-home, senior-care facility. The chairs will bring this up with the chancellor at their meeting.

Jamie Boyd also volunteered to be the Faculty Senate representative on MapSac. Thank you Jamie.

H. PBC

No report

I. PRC

No report

J. Sustainability Committee

Dave announced that the Sustainability Committee still needs to be assembled.

K. ACCFSC (Dave Krupp)

Dave reported that the first retreat would be this Friday. Dave will attend and will happily relay our concerns to the ACCFSC as it prepares the upcoming year's agenda items.

Floyd suggested that Dave add to the agenda the importance of making sure that the Manoa campus is financially healthy.

L. CCCFSC (Floyd McCoy)

Floyd announced that Peter Quigley is pushing changes in remedial education. As for "guided pathways," Jan informed the senators that it involves creating clear tracks for students so that they know exactly where they're heading when they identify their degree or program. The loss of the COMPASS placement test is complicating the process temporarily.

Floyd also announced that KCC has developed an app for students that includes links to the library, Laulima, a campus map and other student resources. The app appears to be a helpful

tool for students who are gravitating more towards accessing school and homework assignments via their cell phones. Thus, it was proposed that WCC borrow the IT from KCC. Floyd said that he would bring this up with the chancellor.

Floyd also announced that as for the budget and revenue, it appears that the UHCC system is in good shape. Nevertheless, Jan interjected that enrollment and SSH (the number of credits that student take) at WCC is down a few percentage points. This loss of revenue affects the school quite a bit. In addition, non-academic programs must be self-supporting. These programs include Paliku Theater, OCCE, the Imaginarium and others. While the administration is monitoring and assessing our on-campus businesses at the academic level, there is the question of who is in charge of monitoring these programs on a fiscal level. Floyd announced that he would pursue this concern with the chancellor. Floyd asked the senate to consider if there should be a larger role in protecting non-credit programming at WCC.

5. Old Business

No old business

6. New Business

No new businesses

7. Announcements

Upcoming Supreme Court Decision Regarding UH

Lance announced that in June, the Supreme Court will rule on whether or not all states will be designated as right-to-work states. Lance announced that right now it's looking like a 50/50 chance it will pass (or a 50/50 chance that it won't, if we want to look on the bright side of things). Should it pass, it will affect the faculty union (UHPA) in a major way. Specifically, rather than instructors having to opt out of the union (to keep from having to pay union dues while still benefiting from union benefits), instructors will have to opt in instead. The union is taking a positive approach to the chance that instructors may have to go out of their way to opt into the union and it asks and encourages the senators to discuss the benefits of supporting their union with younger faculty especially.

Jamie volunteered to be the faculty senate representative on the Mission, Vision and Core Values Committee to discuss the future of each of the revision of these elements. Thank you again Jamie.

Floyd asked senators to keep an eye out for how the UH system is working on creating a new grade model to take the place of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program. There was a discussion concerning the importance of allowing students to find ways to transfer their prior learning experience into college credits. Jan announced that there are already multiple schools doing this on the mainland, and it allows adults and military students to possibly return to college without having to start from the very beginning.

Jan announced that at the next meeting she would have the following reports ready for review: the program review, the budget policy and the strategic plan policy.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 9.15.15

Faculty Senate Meeting Schedule:

FALL 2015:September 15

October 6

October 20

November 3

November 17

December 1

SPRING 2016:

January 19

February 2

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March 1

March 15

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April 19

May 3

Minutes submitted by: Jenny Webster
Recording Chair