

LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2006-2007 Faculty Senate

APPROVED Minutes of the January 17, 2007 Meeting

Joseph Chernisky, Chair
Aulii Ross, Vice Chair
Michael Lane, Secretary

SENATORS PRESENT: K. Caldwell, K. Chambers, J. Chernisky, L. Chun, L. Currivan, C. Davis, K. Fujishima-Lee, M. Fujita, C. Ganne, C. Hochstein, B. Hotta, D. Kunimune, M. Lane, L. Lawrence, S. Laycock, R. Liongson, P. Lococo, D. Matsumoto, S. May, A. Ross, D. Sakai, J. West, L. Yamada

SENATORS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM with a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from December 13, 2006, were approved unanimously with minor corrections.

CAMPUS REPORT:

Faculty Senate Chair Chernisky provided the Senate with information about the UH-West Oahu Status Report. He began the presentation by handing out copies of a UHWO slide presentation titled "Proposal for General Education and Lower Division Curriculum" that highlighted plans and visions for a four-year curriculum at UHWO. Senators were asked to review the outline. A primary area of concern for LCC is whether the freshman and sophomore classes at UHWO will add new students to the UH System or take students away from other campuses.

Senator Lococo, the Faculty Senate Liaison with UHWO, was asked to reestablish contact with a representative of the University to obtain additional information about the plan.

The Senate discussed aspects of LCC's declining enrollment. Senator Kunimune noted the general decrease in the number of graduating high school students in Leeward Oahu.

Senator Ross suggested that LCC concentrate on issues that can be controlled such as a dual-enrollment agreement with Oregon State University. The Senate discussed the benefits of the OSU agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair's Report

Chair Chernisky discussed the status of the Planning Process Phase 2 Standing Committees. Currently, 48 faculty and staff volunteered to serve on the standing committees, and the nomination process remains open until Friday, January 19, 2007. By Friday, January 26, 2007, the Executive Committee will select 20 nominees and alternates to recommend as standing committee members. Additionally, the Executive Committee will assemble a list of guidelines to ensure a diverse list of nominees. The guidelines will consider criteria such as nominee preference, faculty status, and unit representation.

Chair Chernisky expressed concern that UH System Faculty Senates were not consulted about a bill for an act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Motion 07-01 (Ross/Currivan): To support the Candidate Advisory Council resolution that addresses the Enabling/Companion Legislation to the Constitutional Amendment.

PASSED - Y - 20; N - 0; Ab - 3

Whereas, a recent amendment to the Hawai'i State constitution requires that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i be selected from a pool of qualified candidates chosen by a candidate advisory council, and

Whereas, the legislation that will specify the manner in which the candidate advisory council is chosen will be determined during the 2007 Hawai'i state legislative session, and

Whereas, it has been proposed that the enabling legislation specify that the Legislature select the advisory council and also proposed that it specify that selection of the advisory council be made by various constituencies, be it therefore

Resolved, that if the advisory council is to be selected by constituencies, the faculty of the UH System should be one of the constituencies, and be it further

Resolved, that the member or members of the advisory council representing the UH System faculty be selected by the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate chairs.

The Chair informed the Senate that WebCT was purchased by another organization. The Senate discussed potential ramifications for LCC resulting from the buyout.

Chair Chernisky distributed copies of a Memorandum of Understanding between UH-Manoa and Kapiolani CC on a Degree Pathway Partnership Agreement. The two campuses are ready to ratify the MOA; however, John Morton, VPCC, would like to involve all of the System CC campuses in an agreement. Senators were asked to look at the MOA to determine if a similar

agreement would benefit LCC.

Senator Hochstein asked why the agreement involved UH-Manoa only and did not include UHWO and UH-Hilo. Chair Chernisky noted that KCC currently has an agreement with UH-Hilo.

Chair Chernisky distributed copies of a request from KCC Interim Chancellor Richards to the BOR to establish an AS degree in Natural Science. He asked senators to look at the request and consider if it would be a good model for developing a similar degree at LCC.

On Saturday, February 24, 2007, VPCC John Morton gives a presentation to the UHPA Faculty Forum about the Faculty Classification Plan and SLOs.

Chair Chernisky distributed the 2007 enrollment statistics by campus for the entire UH System, as well as the number of degrees and certificates earned at LCC, MCC, Kapiolani CC, and Kauai CC from 1995-2006. In spite of the enrollment concerns, the total number of degrees and certificates granted at LCC since 1995-1999 through 2005-2006 has on average been fairly stable. This is especially the case with the AA (Liberal Arts) degrees. Senator West pointed out that although the number of students is lower, the total number of student hours increased.

Chair Chernisky handed out copies of the 2007 Informational Briefings and the links to the PDFs (<http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/eur/govrel/briefings/2007/index.html>). In particular, he recommended that senators look at UOH800, University of Hawaii Community Colleges, which discusses LCC and shows unfilled positions for the College, and UOH900, University of Hawaii Systemwide Programs, which lists the priorities for the community colleges. Senators are asked to consider if the listed priorities are consistent with the input provided and note the connections in the planning process.

The Hawaii Innovation Initiative, designed to create a firm economic foundation in the new global economy, was the cornerstone of Governor Lingle's 2007 State of the State address (http://www.hawaii.gov/gov/news/releases/Folder.2007-01-31.1527/News_Item.2007-01-12.4350). In particular, Governor Lingle mentioned STEM and a digital media center as part of the initiative and stated that \$30 million would be available over the next two years to fund innovation initiatives.

The Chair congratulated Vice Chair Ross and the Morale Committee for a highly successful faculty mixer at the start of the Spring 2007 semester; UHPA (Executive Director JN Musto and President Mary Tiles) and LCC Professor Dennis Kaibara for their donations to the event; CC Professor Marilyn Kim and the Kanikapila Singers for their highly professional Christmas performance; and LCC Professor Kay Mura for a successful Interactive Sculpture for Rosa Parks Elementary School.

The deadline for Faculty, Lecturer, & Staff Awards is Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

ACADEMIC/INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE – No report.

BUDGET & PLANNING – No report.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - Chair May announced that the first Curriculum Committee meeting of the semester is scheduled for January 25, 2007.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Co-Chair Liongson stated that the Elections Committee welcomes nominations for Faculty Senate officers for the Fall 2007-Spring 2008 term. The Faculty Senate will hold the election at the next meeting, February 7, 2007.

FACULTY COMMITTEE - Co-Chair Sakai informed senators that the applications for the Vice Chancellor vacancy were submitted and are under review.

LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Chair West announced that the Hawaii State Legislature is in session. Faculty Senate Chair Chernisky said that Friday, January 19, 2007, is UH Day at the Legislature. Representatives from other UH System campuses are scheduled to attend the event; however, Chair Chernisky was not aware of any representatives from LCC scheduled to attend. He stated that LCC should be represented. Senator Lawrence replied that LCC would have two tables at the event: one table with representatives from the education faculty at LCC and another with representatives from LCC-Waianae.

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE – No report from the committee; however, Chair Chernisky congratulated Senator Hotta. Curriculum Central, which she developed, was selected as a model for the UHCC System.

STUDENT COMMITTEE - Chair Laycock informed senators that a blood drive sponsored by PTK was scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2007.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

GEN ED – Chair Lococo informed the Senate that the committee plans to hold a vote of the LCC faculty in March on the proposal to modify the Faculty Senate by-laws to convert the Gen Ed ad hoc committee to a Standing Committee. He asked if the committee should hold a forum for faculty to obtain information and discuss the proposals. Senator Ross noted that ACCJC considers informational forums an important part of shared governance. Senator Lococo stated that he will organize a Faculty Forum in February.

MORALE – No report.

CONTINGENT FACULTY/LECTURERS - No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Liongson stated that several students waited in the wrong rooms on the first day of class, because of the confusing room numbering used for some buildings. He suggested renumbering the rooms to avoid future problems. Senator Fujishima-Lee noted that the AIS Committee is looking at signage issues. DAS Mark Lane is planning both signage and bathroom projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Kunimune distributed signup forms for Teaching Squares and encouraged senators to participate and encourage the participation of colleagues.

Senator Yamada announced that the Pearl opens on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, and a benefit brunch would be held on Sunday, February 18, 2007.

Senator Sakai informed senators that the UH System will obtain an e-book subscription that currently provides access to 35,000 e-books. New material will be added in the future.

Senator Ross asked that all questions about the formation of a student government be addressed to Nicole Striegel, Dean of Student Services.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Michael Lane, Secretary