

**LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**2005-2006 Faculty Senate**

APPROVED Minutes of the January 25, 2006 Meeting

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Joseph Chernisky, Chair  
Aulii Ross, Vice Chair  
Susan Lum, Secretary

**SENATORS PRESENT:** K. Chambers, J. Chernisky, L. Currivan, , M. Fujita, C. Ganne, C. Hochstein, B. Hotta, M. Lane, S. Laycock, R. Liongson, P. Lococo, S. Lum, D. Matsumoto, S. May, A. Ross, D. Sakai, S. Thomas, D. Thomson, L. Yamada

**SENATORS ABSENT:** K. Fujishima-Lee, J. West

**GUESTS:** Joyce Lighthill

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. with a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes from December 15, 2005 were approved (Y – 18; N – 0; Abs – 2) with one correction.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Chair Chernisky began the meeting with words of remembrance and a request for a moment of silence for the late Sinikka Hayasaka who passed away on December 20, 2005. The following resolution was signed by the Chair and approved by the Senators present.

Resolution of the University of Hawai'i - Leeward Community College Faculty Senate

**WHEREAS**

Professor R. Sinikka Hayasaka [Strand was a founding faculty member of Leeward Community College in 1968, helping to shape a College philosophy centered on the motto "To Help Students Learn"; and](#)

[Served as a valued faculty member and colleague, Faculty Senate Chair \(1990-92\), Division Chair of Language Arts \(1970-72; 1998-2002\), acting Dean and acting Provost of Leeward Community College \(1972\); and](#)

[As a professor of Japanese, was the only faculty member ever honored twice \(1970, 1980\) with the prestigious University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Excellence in Teaching Award; and](#)

[Was a staunch advocate for students; and](#)

Helped to write a Title III grant for and served as director of the program that focused on the needs of Native Hawaiian students; and

Derived great satisfaction from mentoring junior faculty throughout the UH System; and

Served as the president of the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly for 6 years (1990-96); and

Was instrumental in bringing UHPA, the Hawai'i State Teachers Association, and the University of Hawai'i together in a P—20 initiative; and

Promoted a perspective on higher education in Hawai'i that was inclusive of all UH and community college campuses; and

Was a member of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and served as an active leader of the National Education Association; and

Served as a trustee of the Hawai'i Public Employees Health Fund; and

Was one of Leeward Community College's and the University of Hawai'i's most valued, committed, and distinguished colleagues and leaders over her 39-year career,

THEREFORE, by unanimous vote, Be It Resolved that the LCC Senate on this 25<sup>th</sup> of January

**Motion 06-01 (Currivan/Hochstein):** To recognize the numerous and far-reaching contributions made by Sinikka Hayasaka.

PASSED - Unanimously

Chair Chernisky shared that his directive for this semester will be to work with Interim Chancellor Quigley regularly on the topics of shared governance and Public Humanities.

A list of links to documents and other information related to systemwide efforts and Senate Committee work was distributed to Senators. Senators were encouraged to use the links to keep updated with what is happening on other campuses and the BOR.

Senate minutes from previous years were found in boxes in a room in the Library being used by the Assessment Team. Senator Sakai suggested that in the future hard copies of the minutes be given directly to the Head Librarian. The Head Librarian will continue to store them in the Library. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of keeping hard copies of the minutes. Senator Lococo offered to prepare a memo of the history of the Faculty Senate from its inception, based on the minutes. This work is to be completed this summer and will help to capture the history of the Senate and its work to the present day.

**Motion 06-02 (Thomson/Hochstein):** To keep and house the minutes of the Faculty Senate in perpetuity.

PASSED - Unanimously

**EXECUTIVE TEAM:** Senator Ross reminded Senate to encourage faculty to review the accreditation report drafts and send feedback to Bob Asato or Lani Uyeno.

Senator Ross also reminded Senators to encourage faculty to sign attendance sheets when asked to by students receiving financial aid as it will help facilitate the timely distribution of financial aid checks.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FACULTY COMMITTEE – Senator Sakai presented Senators with a report that was written in response to a concern that was brought before the committee in October 2005, regarding SLO assessment and the evaluation of faculty. The committee’s final recommendation resulted in the following motion

**Motion 06-03:** To accept and approve the recommendation of the Faculty Committee that the purpose of student learning outcomes is to assess programs and courses and not to evaluate faculty. Faculty evaluation is covered by UHPA/BOR Agreement. It is not appropriate to combine the two.

PASSED - Unanimously

A copy of the report and motion will be sent to the Peter Quigley and J.N. Musto.

**(AD HOC COMMITTEE) CHARTER/BY-LAWS** - Senator Matsumoto conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Vote for revisions to the Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws. The results of today’s vote will become a recommendation to the faculty-at-large to vote on. Two open forums are scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2006, 1-2pm, GT 105, and Tuesday, February 14, 2006, 1:30-2:30pm, GT 105.

ACADEMIC/INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE – No report.

BUDGET & PLANNING – Senator May reported that the System had recently received a lot of negative publicity in the last two months:

A report released by the National Center for Higher Education, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, and co-authored by Dennis P. Jones, the center’s President and a recent UH Consultant, compares the amount of tax revenue, tuition and fees spent on public higher education with how well the institutions perform their missions. The report found the UH System to be 4<sup>th</sup> worst in performance by institutions with higher levels of funding, 2<sup>nd</sup> to last in productivity and public research, and dead last in areas of the percentage of students earning bachelor’s degrees and the

number of degrees earned within six years of high school graduation. “Examine university for its efficiency.” *Star-Bulletin* editorial, January 20, 2006

Community colleges are closer to the national norms in producing certificates, diplomas and associate degrees per 100 undergraduates in students finishing within three years. However, Hawaii’s level of funding to produce those degrees and certificates ranks the state 11<sup>th</sup> from the bottom in efficiency. “UH among lowest in per-dollar efficiency.” *Star-Bulletin*, January 18, 2006

The University of Hawaii at Manoa’s \$300 million operating budget is underscrutinized and largely unsubstantiated, providing little confidence that funds are managed adequately and impeding the “efficient and effective use of resources...” “Audit slams UH budget – A report to legislators charging an absence of fiscal accountability is met testily by UH” *Star-Bulletin*, December 31, 2005

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE** – Senator Lococo reported that the AA Core Revision Committee’s recommendations had been approved by Peter Quigley and that UH President McClain had yet to sign-off on the new core. Peter Quigley would like the new core to be implemented in the fall of 2006.

Senator Lococo also presented for discussion a recommendation that the campus establish a General Education Foundations Board that would make decisions about how courses are placed into LCC’s Foundations categories.

The Foundations Board would be separate from the Curriculum Committee, as is the practice at UH Manoa, HonCC, KCC. There was some discussion as to the Foundation Board’s workload and the need for reassigned time. Senators were urged to think about where in Senate the Foundations Board might belong (Ad Hoc Committee? Curriculum Committee?) and how it should be organized. Senator Lane was asked to create a discussion string on the Senate’s MYUH space for Senators to post their thoughts.

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE** – Senator Yamada reported the election results for the 2006-2008 Senate term. 143 votes were cast by faculty out of a possible 174 who were eligible, with a return rate of 82%. The new Senators are Kay Caldwell, Linda Currivan, Karen Fujishima-Lee, Christian Ganne, Barbara Hotta, Della Kunimune, Michael Lane, Steven Laycock, Raymund Liongson, Donna Matsumoto, and Aulii Ross. Senator Yamada thanked Senators Lococo and Sakai for their help in counting the ballots.

Elections for Senate Officers will begin in the next few weeks. Incoming Senators will be invited to the next meeting on February 15th.

**LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS COMMITTEE** – Senator Thomson reported that discussions Clayton Hee, Chair of the State Senate’s Higher Education Committee, had revealed that UH Manoa’s President and the BOR have not been funding the community colleges appropriately and that more attention needs to be paid to the community college system.

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE – No report.

STUDENT COMMITTEE – No report.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

ALTERNATIVE GRADES – No report.

SERVICE – Senator Currvivan reported that last semester’s food drive, which was sponsored by the Senate, had netted 102.4 lbs. of food.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Faculty Senates are considering a resolution concerning the necessity for replacing Doris Ching, Vice President for Student Affairs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Senator Yamada asked that Senators consider attending the Scholarship Brunch fundraiser scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$12 presale. Senator Yamada also announced that Phase II of the cafeteria remodeling was underway with new air conditioners being installed and new cafeteria furniture waiting to be unpacked and set-up. The cafeteria is set to reopen in fall 2006.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Susan Lum, Secretary