

LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2004 – 2005 Faculty Senate

APPROVED Minutes of the September 22, 2004 Meeting

James Goodman, Chair
Nancy Buchanan, Vice Chair
Susan Lum, Secretary

SENATORS PRESENT: N. Buchanan, J. Chernisky, L. Currivan, R. Flegal, K. Fujishima-Lee, C. Ganne, J. Goodman, K. Hill, B. Hotta, K. Khan, R. Liongson, P. Lococo, S. Lum, C. Martin, D. Matsumoto, K. Mohanan, A. Ross, D. Sakai, W. Teraoka, S. Wood, L. Yamada

SENATORS EXCUSED: F. Sherry

GUESTS: Mark Silliman, Peter Quigley, Michael Reese, Becky George, Stacy Thomas, Stephanie Palombo, Eli Tsukayama, Ann Campbell, Adam Espinosa

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. with a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

University of Hawaii President, David McClain, attended the Senate meeting after having given a presentation in a campus-wide Open Forum today from 2:00-2:45pm. President McClain provided Senators with a recap of his presentation. Some of the topics and comments brought up by President McClain:

- “Thank you” to all employees of the College for all that you do.
- The UH System has a great strategic plan.
- The Puko’a Council has an influential role in system-wide planning.
- There is not enough money to fund all of our hopes. The Legislature refused to fund the System’s \$100 million budget request. This request would have helped pay for the 4/5 course reduction negotiated for community college faculty. Currently, each campus, instead of the System, must pay for the teaching load reduction which is creating a major spring 2005 semester budget crisis.
- The administration at the System level has been tailored down. There is a proposal that the BOR will hopefully review in November that would redescribe the Chief of Staff position into a Vice President of Administrative Services position. The Chief Financial Officer position would be redescribed to a Vice President of Budget and Finance position. The Vice President of Academic Affairs position would be redescribed to a position titled Vice President of Academic Affairs, Policy and Planning. Two Vice President positions, External Affairs and University Relations and International Education, would be eliminated. The Associate Vice President for External Affairs and University Relations would report to the Vice President of Administrative Services. The Associate Vice President for International Education would report to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Policy and Planning.

Senators asked President McClain a number of questions concerning a variety of issues of interest to the campus and the UH System. Some of the issues discussed were whether or not President McClain would be able to apply for the position of UH System President, problems with articulation between the community colleges and UH Manoa, and the new role, if any, of the System office now that the System is reorganizing. President McClain's response was that the Board of Regents would decide whether he was eligible or not to apply for President. To address the concerns regarding articulation, President McClain stated that he believed the issue of articulation is complicated by the UH System campuses having differentiated missions and accrediting standards. President McClain further added that the role of the System office is to serve as facilitators to help campuses share information, and not to dictate what campuses can or can not do.

President McClain also updated the Senate as to the status of UH West Oahu. He reported that the Board of Regents discussed plans for UH West Oahu in a meeting last summer. Currently, plans for the campus include keeping it a two-year campus with the goal of becoming a four-year institution at a later date. Regents are seeking a public/private partnership to build the campus and are in the process of putting out requests for proposals from parties who might be interested. The UH West Oahu Chancellor position is down to a short list of three.

One Senator asked President McClain what his position was with regard to the duplication of programs between the community colleges. President McClain stated that he felt that duplication was a legacy of the past, and although still a bit of concern, the number one priority needs to be serving the community. Another Senator asked for President McClain's opinion concerning LCC's reorganization plan. President McClain responded that he would check into the workload allocated to community college administrators since the dismantling of the UH System office. He also stated that each college gets to decide its own needs and that it's good to be as lean as possible, while getting the job done; each campus in each state is unique and must work to address its own needs.

Stacy Thomas, Co-chair of the Aloha United Way Fundraising Committee, asked for Senate support as this year's fundraising effort begins next week. Stacy stated that this year's goal would be the same as last year's, \$12,000, and that each unit would have its own goal based on the number of members within the unit. Faculty, with approximately 400 members, has a goal of \$5,000. Stacy is seeking members to serve on the committee to help with encouraging faculty, staff, students, and all other groups, to contribute to the fundraising effort. Interested parties should contact Stacy by email.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes from September 1, 2004 were approved with one minor sentence correction for clarity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET AND PLANNING – No report. Senate is still seeking a chair for this committee.

FACULTY COMMITTEE – Senator Sakai reported that members of the Space Utilization Committee include Bob Hochstein, Candace Hochstein, Doug Kaya, Priscilla Millen, Barbara Saromines-Ganne, Wes Teraoka, Diane Sakai, Cliff Togo, and Douglas Hill. Members are also being recruited from the Clerical Staff Council, APT group and Student Government Organization to serve on the committee.

ELECTION COMMITTEE – Senator Wood reported that she has been in contact with Stephanie Palombo to gather equipment and materials for the upcoming Senate elections in November. Nominations will be solicited in October.

ACADEMIC/INSITUTIONAL SUPPORT – Senator Martin reported that she is working on assembling a committee and seeking volunteers.

STUDENT COMMITTEE – No report.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – No report.

LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Senator Ross requested that Senators email her with any objectives and priorities they would like to see the committee undertake.

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE – Senator Hill reported that the LCC Progress Report was sent to ACCJC and that the College’s understanding of program review had been expanded into a revised program review model. Vice Chancellor Quigley is holding colloquia to inform faculty, staff, and all others interested, of the new model. The next colloquium is scheduled for tomorrow, September 24, 2004 at 1:30pm in GT 105.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Senate Chair Goodman invited Becky George to address the Senate regarding her work as the LCC Representative of the UH System International Education Steering Committee. Becky reported that the committee was formed two years ago with the initial charge being to discuss and determine the committee’s role and goals. The committee is currently trying to determine how to keep faculty, administration, and all other groups informed. Currently the committee reports to President McClain. The top issues now are international agreements, marketing of the campuses, and health insurance for international students.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Reese appealed to the Senate to convene an Ad hoc Committee to look into the impact of the removal of the “N” grade. The Senate decided that the committee would be called the Committee to Study the Impact of the Elimination of the “N” Grade. Senator Chernisky and Senator Buchanan will serve as Co-chairs of this committee.

The Senate voted to change the November 24th meeting to December 1st to accommodate faculty who have Thanksgiving holiday plans.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Susan Lum, Secretary