

LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2006-2007 Faculty Senate

APPROVED Minutes of the October 4, 2006 Meeting

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

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

SENATORS ABSENT: B. Hotta, P. Lococo, A. Ross

GUESTS: Michael Pecsok, Gerald Vidal

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM with a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes from September 13, 2006, were approved unanimously with corrections.

CAMPUS REPORT:

Interim Vice Chancellor/CAO Michael Pecsok provided the Faculty Senate with a report on campus activities. His opening comments focused on the accreditation process. In particular, he reminded senators that accreditation is an ongoing process. The Accreditation Team visit is scheduled for October 23-26, 2006, and the report is due back from ACCJC in January 2007.

Several committees will be formed to provide a second opinion and involve the campus community in the planning process. He discussed the budgeting process and listed some of the funds granted for equipment, instruction, and student help. Furthermore, he mentioned that the campus plan shows that the biennium budget must use tuition to pay for part of the faculty salary increases and financial aid.

A top priority is to develop a separate budget for LCC-Waianae. In the past, LCCW has borrowed from LCC. The state has money available this year, and the college would like to see its budget increased. The college must have evidence to justify requests for funds, however, as the legislature will look at them carefully.

The community that LCC serves wants classes to be approved rapidly, so the Curriculum Committee has the option to increase its membership or fast track certain course proposals.

The traditional college system does not work for many students, as 50% of LCC students are required to take remedial classes, whereas the national average is 42%. Also, the college must

consider less expensive and time-consuming models for workforce development. The food service improvements were costly and lengthy.

The college wants to continue to form partnerships with UH-West Oahu and not compete with them. Especially in light of the opening of the new UHWO campus, which will offer lower division classes.

The college currently has no effective student government. The administration would like to appoint an interim student government to jumpstart a process that would lead to elections.

College will look at the IT structure on campus, provide funds to replace faculty computers, and create wireless networks with hot spots.

Vice Chancellor Pecsok asked about the goals of the Faculty Senate. He would like it to be an active, not reactive, body. He wants the Faculty Senate to have an agenda. Chair Chernisky encouraged the administration to provide a liaison to attend Faculty Senate meetings. The report ended with a short discuss of the agreement with UHWO that states that they would not offer lower division classes while sharing the LCC campus. However, the current UHWO chancellor is developing plans to offer lower division courses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<p>Motion 06-71: To approve the one-year appointment of Christopher W. Davis as a representative of lecturers to the 2006-2007 Faculty Senate.</p>

<p>PASSED – Unanimously</p>

Chair Chernisky informed the Faculty Senate about status of LCC's Reorganization Committee's 2004-2005 Administrative Resolution. The Reorganization Proposal has been forwarded to the BOR for approval, and it is tentatively scheduled for the BOR meeting on October 19-20.

Chair Chernisky presented an action to refer to the Senate Lecturer appointee the need for a separate Ad-Hoc Committee for Contingent Faculty. He stated that Dottie Sunio will serve as a liaison to help Senator Davis.

Chair Chernisky asked senators to complete the Faculty Senate SWOT Planning Sheet and forward it to Vice Chair Ross by October 13, 2006.

Chair's Report

Chair Chernisky stated that the draft ad for the CAO/VCAA was completed and will be posted November 3 - December 1, 2006. A decision will be made by March 15, 2007, with approval in April 2007.

Senators were asked to review the abstract for the LCC Self-Study, which is posted online: http://emedia.leeward.hawaii.edu/cs/planning/reports/LeewardCC_SelfStudy2006.pdf.

The Executive Planning Council is working on charging five to six committees to represent the faculty. Four to five faculty members will serve on each committee.

Senators were asked to read the Regents Constitutional Amendment for the BOR reorganization. UHPA recommends a yes vote for the amendment, and the vote is scheduled for November 7, 2006. The Faculty Senate Legislative Committee is charged with distributing information about the amendment.

Interim VPCC John Morton plans to send an informational email message to UH faculty and staff about the UHCC/UHM Transfer Proposal. In addition, he will visit each campus to discuss the proposal.

The Remedial/Development Task Force is addressing five areas of concern: math, reading, writing, counseling, and academic support. LCC has two of the five areas addressed: math and writing, but the college would like to address all areas. The liaison for the task force is Louise Pagotto from Kapiolani CC.

The Spellings Commission pre-publication report "A Test of Leadership" is available at <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/index.html>. One year ago, Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings formed a bipartisan Commission on the Future of Higher Education to launch a robust national dialogue on the need to strengthen higher education to remain competitive in the 21st century.

Kudos to the LCC Thunder-izards and their supporters. The college's faculty and staff softball team played on September 29, 2006. Thanks were extended to the volunteers who helped with the National Public Lands Day Service Project. Special thanks go to Chair Chernisky, Grace Miller, Patricia Miller, and the Phi Theta Kappa representatives Sarah Edmunson, Vanessa Musashi, and Ken Andrade for helping to remove thousands of evasive mangrove keiki plants from the Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge Waiawa on September 30, 2006.

FACULTY COMMITTEE - Senators Currivan and Saiki led a discussion of a motion to approve a memorandum to VPCC John Morton and Chancellor Peter Quigley reiterating the opposition of the Faculty Senate to changes in the Faculty Classification Plan which would make evaluation of an individual faculty member's effectiveness in meeting SLOs part of tenure or promotion

decisions. A discussion ensued about the strength of the language in the memorandum, and the absence of any reference to student responsibilities in the learning process.

Motion 06-72: To approve the memorandum to Chancellor Peter Quigley.

PASSED - Unanimously

ACADEMIC/INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE – Senator Fujishima-Lee noted that DAS Mark Lane attended the last AIS Committee meeting. Senators discussed several issues including the signage, vending machine funds, coffee cart concessions, campus recycling, toilet renovations, janitorial responsibilities, and damage to campus facilities by outside groups that rent them.

BUDGET & PLANNING – Senator Fujita said that DAS Mark Lane agreed to serve as a liaison.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - Senator May discussed the desire of the Curriculum Committee to increase its membership to address the increased workload required by course assessment. He has contacted Division and Program Chairs concerning the issue, but he asked the Faculty Senate to vote on the issue.

A discussion followed about ways to divide the workload. Senator Hochstein asked if the assessment workload should be the responsibility of the Curriculum Committee. Senator May responded that some discussion of the issue has occurred. Chair Chernisky said that assessment was the responsibility of Program Review.

Motion 06-73 (May/Lawrence): To approve increase representation by one member from each currently represented group contingent on Curriculum Committee consent.

PASSED - Y - 19; N - 0; Ab - 1

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Senator Yamada provided senators with the timeline for the Fall 2006 Faculty Senate elections.

LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS COMMITTEE - No report.

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE – No report.

STUDENT COMMITTEE - Senator Laycock announced that the two blood drives were successful and that PTK sent out more than 400 letters of invitation to LCC students.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

GENERAL ED – No report.

MORALE – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Currivan stated that the Faculty Committee wants names for the smaller CAO search committee. She said that the committee will provide more than nine names, but that it cannot specify which of the faculty members will be placed on the search committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Liongson announced the International Negotiations Module Project Mini-workshop scheduled for October 13, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Michael Lane, Secretary