

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

APPROVED Minutes of the October 12, 2005

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

**SENATORS PRESENT:** K. Chambers, J. Chernisky, L. Currivan, K. Fujishima-Lee, 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, J. West

**SENATORS ABSENT:** L. Yamada

**GUESTS:** Tim Adams, James Goodman

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes from September 21, 2005 were approved unanimously, with one addition.

**CAMPUS REPORT:**

Tim Adams, LCC student and officer of Phi Beta Lambda, addressed Senate with his desire to increase student representation on the Senate Student Committee, specifically, a rule that allows students to have voting privileges on matters stemming from concerns taken up by the Student Committee.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Chair Chernisky reported the need for the Senate's Faculty Committee to look into concerns about how SLO data will be used to determine a faculty's tenure and/or promotion. Concerns have been raised as to how ACCJC standards are addressed using data from SLOs and whether the data will be used to evaluate teaching effectiveness.

Chair Chernisky distributed two documents to Senators:

- ◆ A copy of two diagrams titled "System and UH-LCC Planning and Budget Cycle," was distributed to Senators. Planning for the 2007-2009 Budget has already begun.
- ◆ The document, "UH-LCC Student Profile Update," provides data which shows that LCC's transfer students perform as well as or better than UH Manoa's freshmen and the CCs continue to be efficient with the quantity of AA degrees awarded.

**EXECUTIVE TEAM:**

Vice Chair Ross reported that LCC's Progress Report has been received by the BOR and the ACCJC and is currently being reviewed.

Senator Lum reported that Senate was in receipt of a copy of the System's Progress Report addressing the three recommendations from the ACCJC visit in November 2004. Senators or faculty wishing to receive an electronic copy of the report can email Senator Lum at susanlum@hawaii.edu.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – Senator Lococo opened up discussion of the LCC AA Core Revision Committee's Recommendations by presenting a Curriculum Committee motion.

<p><b>Motion 05-34:</b> To accept the LCC AA Core Revision Committee's 11 Recommendations to be implemented no earlier than the fall 2006.</p>
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<p><b>PASSED - Y – 14; N – 5; Ab - 0</b></p>
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There was a lot of discussion among Senators as to the AA Core Revision Committee's Recommendations, especially Recommendations 4, 5, 6 & 11. Those who argued that the Committee's Recommendations ought to pass stated that the Committee's 18 months of testimonials, extensive debate by representatives from all over campus, and the research and effort spent by members of the committee should be respected by the Senate by supporting the motion. Senator Lococo pointed out that the new core would be flexible to allow for a wide variety of revision beyond a small core. Boards will be revisiting the core on a regular basis, as more experience and data become available.

Senators who argued against the motion stated that the AA degree will be unattractive to students, as it requires more core credits than other CCs, and that students going into Business, Nursing, etc., would have to take extra courses that will not assist them in their majors and may even hurt their financial aid qualifications; financial aid is only provided for courses leading to a designated degree. There were questions as to the rationale for Recommendations 4, 5 & 6. Some senators, who are also members of the AA Core Revision Committee, stated that the new requirements ensure that students receive a broad and rigorous education. There is no data to prove that a lesser number of required courses in the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Arts & Humanities is better, or that the number of AA degrees will decline. The number of electives in the proposal is the same as the number of electives offered at Kapiolani Community College.

A student representative spoke to the students' need to work hard in college and to be exposed to a variety of courses that they might not otherwise choose to take. He stated that the revised core will not dissuade students from earning an AA.

Senator West called for the question.

Once Motion 05-34 was passed, a second motion was introduced by Senator Lococo to provide for implementation of the LCC AA Core Revision Committee's Recommendations.

**Motion 05-35:** Once Administration approves the LCC AA Core Revision Committee's Recommendations, the Senate will begin steps to establish boards for the Diversification and Foundation categories.

**PASSED – Y: 18; N – 1; Ab: 0**

ACADEMIC/INSTITUTIONAL REPORT – Senator Fujishima-Lee reported that the Committee revised the *Policy on Allocation and Utilization of Space* to include comments received by Senators.

There was discussion as to the need for the Allocation and Utilization of Space Committee to have six instructional faculty on the committee. The original number of instructional faculty requested by the Committee on Committees was six; however, the Auxiliary Services Officer in wanting to keep the committee small, changed the number from six to four. Senators suggested that the Auxiliary Services Officer consider decreasing the number of clerical, APT or other staff representatives, as they are already covered by other units. There was also a comment that the chair of the Space Allocation and Utilization Committee be elected and that the language used in the policy be made stronger, i.e. "will" instead of "should."

**Motion 05-36:** To send the *Policy on Allocation and Utilization of Space* back to the Academic/Institutional Support Committee to collapse the committee's membership, to strengthen the language, and to make instructional faculty committee members representatives from all divisions.

**PASSED – Unanimously**

FACULTY COMMITTEE – No report.

LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Senator Thomson reported that the Committee will be contacting legislators to meet in early November regarding LCC concerns.

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE – Senator West expressed the need for faculty to be better informed about the proper procedure for submitting changes to Curriculum Central. Faculty must click the "Submit" button and the "Send to Chair" button in order for the modification process to continue on. Once the "Send to Chair" button has been pressed, further changes can not be made.

BUDGET & PLANNING – Senator May reported that he is waiting to hear from the Administration about a representative to serve on the Committee. He also reported that he was told that the budget is in progress and on the way.

STUDENT COMMITTEE – Senator Liongson reported that the Committee submitted proposed amendments to the Charter/By-laws Ad Hoc Committee to broaden student voting privileges and increase the number of student members on the Student Committee.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Chair Chernisky reported, on behalf of Senator Yamada, that the announcement for Senate nominations will go out next week and that elections will take place in the first two weeks of November. There are 11 seats to be filled.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

SERVICE – Senator Currivan made the following announcements which were excerpted from a report written by Mimi Nakano:

- ◆ There are three Service –Learning Handbooks available for faculty to consult which describe the teaching methods and benefits of service learning. To request a copy, faculty should call X557 and leave their name and division or email [mnakano@hawaii.edu](mailto:mnakano@hawaii.edu) with a request for a handbook.
- ◆ “101 Ideas for Combining Service & Learning” was distributed to Senators.
- ◆ CERT, or Community Emergency Response Team, training provides 20 hours of disaster response training that culminates in a certificate awarded by the Department of Civil Defense.

Senator Currivan volunteered to get further information on the last item and bring it back to the Senate for possible endorsement and participation.

ALTERNATIVE GRADES – No report.

CHARTER/BY-LAWS – Senator Matsumoto collected comments from Senators and asked that Senators who have not provided her with feedback, to please send their comments to her. The Committee will be asking previous Senate Chairs for their input as well. The timeline for the Charter/By-laws revision is as follows

- ◆ Week of 11/2      Take revisions to the broader campus.
- ◆ Week of 11/23    Compile comments and further draft revisions.
- ◆ Week of 12/14    Discuss revisions with Senators during the December meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chair Chernisky reminded Senators that the next meeting is scheduled for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

**Motion 05-37 (Lum/West):** To change the Senate meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, 2005 to Wednesday, November 16, 2005.

**PASSED – Unanimously**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Senator Lane announced the availability of MYUH web space for Senate to set-up its own space for discussion boards, picture postings, mail listings, etc.

**Motion 05-38 (West/Hotta):** To have Senator Lane request and set-up an LCC Faculty Senate MYUH space.

**PASSED – Y - 16; N - 0; Ab - 1**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Susan Lum, Secretary