12:07 Call to Order
Present (15): Megan Conway (CDS), Dean Lodes (CRDG), Truc Nguyen (CRDG), Stephanie Furuta (ITE), Jennifer Padua (ITE), Judy Daniels (KRS), Rhonda Black (SPED), Sara Cook (SPED), Brent Edwards (EDEF), Katherine Ratliffe (EDEP), Min Liu (EDEP), Christine Sorensen Irvine (LTEC), Ariana Eichelberger (LTEC), Jessica Miranda (Dean’s Office), Karen Wilson (OSAS), Frank Jumawan (COEDSA)

Excused (1): Amy Sojot (COEDSA), Stacey Roberts (EDEA)

Guest (1): Nathan Murata

Support (2): Marie Guillermo, Frank Jumawan

12:07 Approval of March 2018 Meeting Minutes
Senator Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the March 2018 meeting, seconded by Senator Eichelberger. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved.

12:09 Report from the Chair, Report from the ACC-FCS Representative – Rhonda
Chair Black shared details of the Congress Meeting. It will be on Thursday, May 3rd, from 3:00 to 5:00pm at the UH Lab Multipurpose Building. Every committee chair is asked to send information on their committee’s work of the year, which will be put together on a Powerpoint slideshow.

Chair Black reported the following items on the last ACC-FSC meeting:

(1) The UHM General Education Program has been reviewed. A couple of the recommendations that were provided include stronger leadership and reconfiguration of the organization structure. Strengths that were acknowledged include the commitment to a strong general education program, deep love for culture and place, and efforts to include top research strengths of the institution into the undergraduate program.

(2) The faculty work life survey was distributed this week (every four years). Chair Black stresses the importance of the survey to faculty governance and encourages all to participate.
Two bills that have gone through senate and house have been waived by the Judiciary Committee. The first bill proposes to get rid of the council that screens potential candidates of the BOR, allowing the governor full power in appointment. in opposition, ACC-FSC took action by writing a letter that was presented to the Judiciary Committee. The second bill proposed a reduction in the number of regents. O‘ahu would have had the largest reduction from seven regents to two. Both bills are “dead.”

Senator Sorensen-Irvine reported that co-chairs of ACC-FSC were invited to attend a meeting with the BOR. The topic discussed was shared governance. The co-chairs acknowledged the differences between campuses on shared governance. They also expressed that the governance on UHM is broken due to the lack of trust and the lack of honest communication. BOR mentioned that they will look at ways to improve communication with faculty in particular.

12:25 **Reports from Officers Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees**

- **Vice Chair**
  
  Vice Chair Nguyen reported that a full contingent of all the senators elected and identified for next year. A document with senators organized in committees (based on their interests) was passed out. Asterisks next to names indicate that faculty member has shown interest in serving as the chair for that committee. From that list, those who are starting their first year of their two years were contacted and notified that they are up for Vice Chair positions. KRS is up to fill in the position, who have been informed.

  The secretary position is currently vacant. The COE Senate body was asked who would like to fill the position. The secretary’s responsibility is to take note of the action items and to also review the graduate assistant’s notes. Vice Chair Nguyen mentioned that she will ask again at the first COE Senate meeting in the Fall, which will be on Friday, August 24.

- **Secretary**
  
  No report.

- **Curriculum & Program Planning**
  
  No report.

- **Personnel**
  
  Senator Ratcliffe reported that there will be an announcement coming soon about the Excellence in Teaching Awards and other awards that have been submitted.
• Budget and Facilities
Senator Sorensen-Irvine reported that MKThink have gathered a lot of information from COE in regard to their facilities. They have completed the work and have drafted a presentation for the committee and the Dean. They will be sharing their thoughts on COE’s space needs. The committee hopes to share the draft to MFS (expected not until Fall).

Senator Sorensen-Irvine will ask MKThink to see if they can present to Congress since the Senate will not meet this academic year. She also suggested that if MKThink has enough information to share, a meeting will be convened before the year ends.

• Student-Faculty Relations
Senator Cook reminded the COE Senate body the Faculty Research Night will be held April 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Zoom links will be sent out to outer island candidates. The committee asked the senators to have any of their available faculty members to participate. The committee is also looking for refreshment contributions. The event will run as a round table session which will allow faculty and students to connect. In regard to the Student-Connectedness Survey the committee had sent, the committee has partnered with Adam Tanners who has been analyzing the data. There have been a total of 190 respondents, which 120 of them were graduate students.

Some of the results (4-point likert scale):
(1) “I feel connected to the COE.” Mean – 2.86, Median – 3, Mode – 3
(2) “COE values me as a student.” Mean – 3.18, Median – 3, Mode – 3
(3) Faculty availability. Mean – 3.55, Median – 4, Mode – 4

The data shows that the COE is doing great things to make students feel connected. Adam Tanners is currently looking at the qualitative data. The committee hopes to have a report some time in the future.

• Diversity
Senator Conway reported that the committee is still in the process of updating the 2007 Diversity Report. The committee plans to put together a 2-page report to summarize the data and hope to bring in activities into next year to create a more formal report. The committee would like to conduct research with departments to see how each of them are nurturing diversity and what can be done. Before any of the information is released, the committee would like to talk with the Dean.
• Fellowship
Vice Chair Nguyen opened up the voting for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Ballots were passed out to each present senator.

• Governance
Vice Chair Nguyen proposed the idea of online voting for the amendments that will be presented at the Congress Meeting. Vice Chair Nguyen moved to conduct voting online, seconded by Senator Eichelberger. With all in favor, the motion was approved. An email will go out prior to the meeting as a reminder for the particular vote that will take place during the meeting.

• Day at the Capitol
Senator Miranda reported that the Day at the Capitol was successful. Three mentors were recognized by Senator Kidani at the Recognition Ceremony. Julianne Chu, teacher representative for Kahala and also crowned Miss Hawaii USA 2018, was also recognized.

• Friday Conversations
Senator Eichelberger reported that the last Friday Conversation will be on Friday, April 27 with the Waipahu Complex at the CCC. Some refreshments will be prepared by the Waipahu High School culinary program.

1:04 Report from the Mānoa Faculty Senate, Mānoa Faculty Senate Nominations
Senator Sorensen-Irvine reported on the following items:
(1) Resolution Supporting the Recombination of the System President and Manoa Chancellor was passed.
(2) Senator Sorensen-Irvine attended a meeting that looked at the HR reorganization proposal from system. Offices at system have already been remodeled.
(3) MFS had a discussion about ADA compliance that went to UHPAA. The issue is how will faculty get support to meet the requirement of having all online materials, including those on Laulima to meet compliance.
(4) Six CES common questions were presented. Questions can be found in the March 21, 2018 MFS Minutes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AUNb90qO7vsnsBZq3LFFp4n6n803wCw1msKbpawJtoU/edit
(5) The General Education happened however the full report is not available yet. The powerpoint can be accessed via link on March 21, 2018 Manoa Faculty Congress Agenda: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nC3mkOLXMA7_vyRbCBWqMoDweqDLzVBYkC_XN8Masxk/edit Areas of focus include global engagement, research and scholarship,
faculty excellence and success, academic program support, enrollment management, student academic success, student growth and development, and student equity, excellence and diversity.

(6) MKThink did a presentation at the Congress Meeting. Information on the faculty survey on facilities, baseline space utilization study, and the “Manoa Campus: Framework for the Future (Demo new website)” can be seen on the following Powerpoint: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Y7SvBI3EGsRsjfCCBS5jRpR13oyFQEOjb12y8Akd40M/edit#slide=id.p3

(7) An undergraduate certificate in sustainability is under review.

(8) Undergraduate programs and study abroad programs went under external review. There are no final reports yet.

(9) The candidate invitation period closes on Sunday, April 8. There are currently three open seats for COE and there is only one candidate. Senator Sorensen-Irvine encouraged senators to consider taking on the role and to encourage their faculty to consider.

(10) The Graduate Division approved to move the EdD program to the COE from provisional to permanent.

(11) Several new 4+1 programs have come through.

(12) The Graduate Division is asking for every graduate program to create a “graduate major map.”

12:50 New Business
Chair Black reported that Dean Murata and Vice Chair Truc Nguyen will be meeting with the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority next week Monday, April 9, 2018. They have been invited to put in a new bid for a new year later in the future. A statement is needed from the college to be supportive of the bid to host AERA in Hawai‘i.

In regard to the Congress meeting, the Fellowship Committee will be encouraging departments to bring desserts for script-based fundraising activity. Scripts will be sold at 25 cents each. The department that sells the most scripts will win 50% of the earnings to donate to a charity of their choice. Second place will win 30% and third place will win 20% of the earnings, which will be donated to the departments chosen charity.

Senator Miranda shared that she will be looking for a graduate assistant beginning Fall 2018.

1:17 Dean Murata’s Report
Dean Murata reported on the following items:

(1) MKThink has looked at data that COE have provided. The data-driven report is expected to be received soon. The framework plan will be comprised of goals and objectives. Dean Murata will try to press for a timeline.
(2) May 29, 2018 will be the day demolition of the portables will begin.
(3) There are no legislative updates that have direct implications for the COE.
(4) COE is working closely with Dean Denise Konan of Social Sciences to have Mānoa Academies (high school students to begin taking college-level courses whether on campus or being offered on their campus) going.
(5) The Learning Coalition has been influencing COE for a couple of years. The Learning Coalition is putting together a professional learning network. They have funded about five fellows (graduate students) from various graduate programs to support collaboration research between COE and DOE. An official invitation will be sent out to COE for a professional learning network on May 10th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the East West Center. A follow-up will be provided in September 2018.
(6) The Dean’s Office has been doing a food drive. Dean Murata asked the COE Senate body if anyone is willing to assist in connecting to the Food Bank.

1:30 Adjournment
Congress Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the MPB