

UHM COE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Friday, November 13, 2015, 12 Noon–2:00 PM
LSP 4B

Call to Order

Co-Chair Sarah Twomey called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2015, at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, College of Education, LSP 4B.

Present (19): Co-Chair Sarah Twomey (EDCS), Denise Abara (OSAS), Helen Au (CRDG), Paul Brandon (CRDG), Kimo Cashman (EDCS), Judy Daniels (KRS), David Ericson (EDEF), Charlotte Frambaugh-Kritzer (ITE),x Lori Fulton (ITE), Jaret Leong (Fellowship Chair), Min Liu (EDEP), Jessica Miranda (Dean’s Office), Yukiya Oba (KRS), Tara O’Neill (Past Chair), Seungoh Paek (LTEC), Kathy Ratliffe (EDEP), Lauren Reed (SPED), Stacey Roberts (EDEA), Lisa Uyehara (CDS).

Alternates (0): None.

Excused (2): Chair Eomailani Kukahiko (EDCS), Christine Irvine (LTEC).

Presenters (2): Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor Steven Meder, Kevin Griffin.

Guests (1): Dean Donald Young.

Support (0): None.

Approval of Minutes of October 2015 Meeting

Senator Black moved to approve the minutes of the October 2015 meeting, seconded by Senator Frambaugh-Kritzer. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Report from the Chair/ACCFSC

Co-Chair Twomey reported that Chair Kukahiko will meet with the ACCFSC next week. Nothing to report yet.

Officers, Co-Chair and Standing Committees

Curriculum and Program Planning

Senator Roberts said that they have not met since last meeting.

Personnel

Senator Ratliffe reported that the COE and other faculty were notified about faculty awards. No portfolios have been submitted yet.

Budget & Facilities

Senator Au reported that they met with Donna Kiyosaki, UH Associate Vice President for Administration, on behalf of Jan Gouveia, UH Vice President for Administration. Her final note was that she will look into our situation regarding facilities and storage for teacher training program and the COE. She will get back to Senator Irvine.

Student-Faculty Relations

Senator Reed announced that they are focusing efforts on retention and supporting student organization groups. Goals focused on Pohuhia program, getting it up and running again, supporting student organizations and Manoa students on outer islands. They are looking at statewide organizations and what they offer and communicating with students.

Steven Meder, Office of Planning and Facilities

Steven Meder, Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor from the Office of Planning and Facilities and Kevin joined the meeting and discussion. Regarding the proposed resolution, Mr. Meder thinks that it is a good step forward for us, it is a matter of persistent advocacy. From the planning side, the new building has been on the list regarding the “Decade of Renewal” for Manoa campus. There is about 1 billion dollars of deferred maintenance for the campus. There is an overall asset value of 4.5 billion dollars. About 1.5 billion is on backlog (broken). It’s 4 decades of what we have been experiencing regarding our buildings.

The Office of Planning and Facilities put together a “Decade of Renewal” plan for a 10-year period in 2013. Steve went over some of the projects that are deferred, ex. Holmes Hall has 20 million in deferred maintenance by itself. The classroom building for COE is the 2nd building after Snyder. The process is for us to go through the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. This was done a few years ago, and money was allocated for design. This project resides in the Office of Capital Improvements. The Office of Planning and Facilities is in support of our new building.

Senator Black brought up the safety issues that we have due to using a condemned building. She asked if this could bump it up the list? She saw two little boys under the building chasing rats with sticks the other day. Response: Those buildings can be demolished, but that won’t meet your need for space. You need more space for accreditation. This is the more important issue.

They feel that our resolution is a positive step forward and they can help support us through providing some data.

Past Chair O'Neill asked that, should we pass the resolution today, are there more appropriate and effective ways to get the support of the Planning office as we continue to advocate? Response: The Office of Planning and Facilities is here to support programs and mission of campus with data. They don't evaluate programs in any way. This should be done through campus administration channels (Dean to Vice Chancellor to System). The emergency of unsafe conditions is one thing, the urgency of accreditation is more compelling.

Co-Chair Twomey asked How would you suggest we move forward? Response: The Office of Planning and Facilities will not have its name on the resolution, but they will provide data for you - whatever you think might strengthen the specifics of the argument, if they have those data, they can supply it. It's up to you to advocate.

Past Chair O'Neill asked What parts of the resolution would you suggest tweaking? Response: "I don't want to get into the weeds on this. What makes it productive are issues about the FROG buildings are factual." He sees other things in the resolution that are completely erroneous. The Office of Planning and Facilities can work with OCI to bring out data specifically to support need for 50,000 sq. ft. space. Put some punch in the emotional charge of the resolution with some data. Gear it to why the building is important here rather than a Snyder or Kuykendall renovation. Since classrooms and laboratories are in good shape around campus, it's hard to say that a classroom building is needed. Focus the argument on site-specific need for classroom. We are also over on offices campus wide. We are low on research labs according to peers and benchmark comparisons.

Mr. Meder reported that what would have prohibited a new building was needs related to water pressure. We now have an agreement with the Board of Water Supply to bring a high pressure water line across the street (paid for by UHM). The other thing that's affecting this (but not very actively) is the plan to put faculty housing on this property. This has gigantic zoning and infrastructure implications. What are the needs for housing, really. It is a gigantic elephant in the planning process. He advises not to bring this into the discussion because it will muddy it, but the Office of Planning and Facilities is dealing with it.

Kevin asked if there would be a representative who can engage with to develop an intermediate program of needs (between the planning document and our resolution). Co-Chair Twomey suggested the Budget and Facilities Committee (Senators Fulton and Au, and Senator Irvine is the lead).

Past Chair O'Neill asked how can we protect ourselves from our interim plans becoming forever plans. Response: Get the needs met in whatever way you can, which will be portables. What is critical in advocacy is to advocate with a sense of reality. Be accurate, and honest, and advocate in the appropriate measure. Don't get complacent. Conditions on campus are pretty bad.

Mr. Steven and Kevin departed.

Dean Young said, the inference they made was that our COE has not advocated for the new building. This is not true. We have the documentation of all the requests made since 1993. Mr. Meder and Kevin have both been very supportive. That said, when the news media broke regarding our building, Dean Young had an angry conversation with Mr. Meder. He said we have not been going through our Vice-Chancellor, but we have.

Dean Young suggested that we should take him up on idea of getting some data from them. Their figures of what space we've lost may not be accurate. We've lost 20,000 sq.ft. of space in burned building. In 2014 we were told to vacate building 2. This year, we were told to vacate building 1 (we began vacating it in 2010). So it's not one building we've lost, it's 3 buildings. The FROGS are each 1,400 sq ft. We have 8,000 sq ft in the 4 modulars. So, we've lost 40,000 sq ft and we have 11,000 sq ft replaced in modulars and FROGS.

Ushijima designed a classroom building to replace Henke Hall. This was moved to our building. We have had zero input into what that building will look like. Don was invited to two meetings. Ushijima did not have information about what faculty wants in the new building.

Faculty housing- We did not request faculty housing. This was something Group 70 did at the request of Manoa. These will probably never be built due to the high infrastructure costs.

We need to specify exactly how many classrooms and offices and other spaces we need, why they need to be here rather than across the street. Dean Young heard Mr. Meder say to document how many classrooms we need for what purposes. Our classrooms in Wist are all undersized. Our portable classrooms are temporary.

Mention was made of using the PBS building when they move. Dean Young will follow up on this. We have requested this in the past and were given a firm no.

Dean's Report

Dean Young reported that Chair Kukahiko asked him to talk about RTRF. How does that get allocated? Due to time constraints, this presentation and discussion was deferred until January 2016.

Officers, Co-Chair and Standing Committees (Continued)

Diversity

No report.

Fellowship

Senator Leong said that the invitation for the Congress has gone out (Dec. 11). Chair

Kukahiko could consider inviting others to the Congress.

Governance

Back to School Night

Past Chair O'Neill reported that it will look very much like it did last year.

Report from Mānoa Faculty Senate

Senator Ericson reported that not much is going on in the Senate right now.

Resolution: Senator Miranda asked once we vote on it, can we edit or change it afterward? Past Chair O'Neill responded that we could support it in principal and give specific direction as to how it could be edited later. All departments reported they are in favor of it. At KRS, the chair suggested that individual faculty should vote on it rather than representatives from departments. We discussed how this could happen and that a vote at the Congress meeting might be for larger issues than this. Discussion about voting on this today versus waiting until January. Senator Au felt that we should wait for Senator Irvine to come back so she can support it to the Senate. She knows all of the figures and documentation. Senator Fulton felt that we need to vote today so that it can be brought to the Manoa Senate next week. Senator Ericson said that it's too late for the November meeting, but there will be a December meeting.

Issues RE: changes in resolution:

1. Add data from the Office of Planning and Facilities. There was discussion regarding whether to wait for this data.
2. Senator Black suggested adding in Dean Young's suggestion regarding outlining specifically how much space was lost – 3 buildings (permanent space) and gained – 4 portables and 2 FROGs (temporary space). Sara suggested to have Budget and Facilities committee meet with Mr. Meder et al. to get data.
3. Issues of students being displaced when Castle is renovated.
4. Site specific space needed (e.g., science space needed here). Our accreditation is dependent on having adequate COE teaching and learning spaces. (Accreditation urgency).
5. Substandard space in current classrooms.

These were summarized as:

1. Site specific needs (needs for storing materials in classrooms for teaching K-12 teachers, needs for collaborative environments where students are actively engaged in learning).
2. Metrics from Office of Planning and Facilities including amount of space lost and gained.
3. Accreditation urgency.

There was a vote to end discussion. Senator Uyehara moved to end discussion, with a second by

Senator Frambaugh-Kritzer. The motion was approved.

Senator Uyehara moved to open vote/approve the resolution, with a second by Senator Fulton. The motion was approved, with all but KRS abstaining. The Budget and Facilities Committee will meet with Office of Planning and Facilities and will make changes in wording as outlined above.

Dean's Report

Dean Young applauded everyone's efforts. He discussed that Group 70 is done.

Dean Young said that there was no response from the university to the news story that broke a week ago. He discussed the state of the College's facilities, and brought up that there needs to be an argue for not just classrooms, but classrooms here at the College.

The resolution titled "Need for Appropriate Teaching and Research Facilities for the College of Education" was discussed. Discussion was facilitated about what should be asked for in the resolution, faculty input, etc. Senator Yuen moved to approve the resolution and send to the MFS with a second by Senator Frambaugh-Kritzer. The motion was unanimously approved. There was additional discussion on rescinding this action, but it was then decided that a message will be crafted and sent to the senators and there will be a poll with written comments.

Adjournment

With no further business, Co-Chair Twomey adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Richard Mizusawa, COE Senate Graduate Assistant

Reviewed by: