

UHM COE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Friday, October 10, 2014, 12 Noon–2:00 PM
LSP 4B

Call to Order

Chair Tara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2014, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Education, Lab School Portable 4B.

Present (15): Chair Tara O'Neill (EDCS), Co-Chair Eomai Kukahiko (EDCS), Helen Au (CRDG), Stephanie Buelow (ITE), Baoyen Cheng (EDEF), Judy Daniels (KRS), David Ericson (EDEF), Linda Furuto (EDCS), Jaret Leong (Fellowship Chair), Chris Lucas (EDEA), Jessica Miranda (Dean's Office), Leslie Novosel (SPED), Seongoh Paek (LTEC), Carla Schmidt (SPED), Matthew Schmidt (LTEC), Lisa Uyehara (CDS), and JoAnn Yuen (CDS).

Alternates (1): Kevin Lima (COEDSA).

Excused (2): Mary Chang (COEDSA), Shannon Hillman (COEDSA)

Presenters: None.

Guests (1): Associate Dean Beth Pateman.

Support (1): Richard Mizusawa.

Approval of Minutes of September 2014 Meeting

Senator Yuen moved to approve the minutes of the September 2014 meeting, seconded by Senator Ericson. With no corrections, the minutes were approved with two abstentions.

Report from the Chair

Chair O'Neill thanked Senator Leong and the Fellowship Committee for putting together the Dean's social last month. In a week they put together a wonderful event. Senator Leong can tell everyone more about it when committees report.

Chair O'Neill mentioned to be more efficient, the Senate will be utilizing Google documents and Google forms more to get conversations going and more things accomplished. She noted to imagine the forms as a conversation that you would have here in these meetings. One of the forms included choosing the Congress meeting date. The two options are December 12 and 19, with December 12 receiving the most votes on the Google form sent out. Chair O'Neill motioned that December 12 be the Congress meeting, seconded by Senator Matthew Schmidt. Senator Leong mentioned the meeting would be from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. With no other discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chair O'Neill brought up that there seems to be interest in having a Back to School Night for legislators and wanted to initiate discussion in today's meeting. 10 people volunteered to serve on our committee. She also spoke to legislators and it is preferred to be after the election and right before the legislative session. Based on the Google form, this is something that will move forward.

There was mixed responses on the WWV committee and what it means to adopt it. Chair O'Neill mentioned she was not sure there were mixed responses because of how she explained it. 6 people were interested in serving on the committee, but she was not sure where all the "no's" came from.

The advisory council met last month for the COE met and happened at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i. It was held in the morning and many stakeholders were there. It ended up being a really good meeting and included representatives from Kamehameha Schools, the DOE, alumni, programs around UH-Mānoa, deans, etc. Dean Young gave updates on our budget situation and held a discussion on what this all means. The discussion was positive and it was nice to hear people are inspired by what we do here at COE. There was a lot of support for ethnocentrism, and discussions on what it means to be a place-based place and creating opportunities for students to engage with people from other places. There was a lot of support for ethnomathematics and STEM in general. There was a focus on ELL populations and supporting our teachers of ELL populations. Overall it was a good productive conversation.

Report from Committees

Committee on Curriculum and Program Planning

Senator Roberts discussed that their committee met yesterday and there were 33 proposals for course approvals. I put the discussion of private messages on Lulima so people could read them ahead of time. There is so many because this year, the dual prep program for SPED and Elementary Education was coming up for approval as a permanent program, which is in its second year. They had 19 courses that needed to be approved. Lassandra and Jamie came to talk about the process and program and the changes they made. We had a discussion we unanimously recommended for approval. There were several SPED courses that had varying things, including a certificate in literacy they are working on. One of the big things was their 641 seminar, which doesn't have an alpha. It was requested to have course alphas for all of those. There were a couple other ones, and the committee unanimously voted to approve them. Additionally, there were 2 LTEC courses, one was a certificate in graduate learning and design and technology for teachers (15 credits) and a course in instructional design studio. EDCS 611 came up last year, a course in classroom assessment, and the committee had more questions about it and the research and theoretical base of the course, which was not addressed in the justification or syllabus.

Senator Roberts recommends and motions that all the courses that CPPP approved at yesterday's meeting be approved here. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Committee on Personnel

Senator Ratliffe was not present. No report.

Committee on Budget and Facilities

Senator Novosel mentioned the committee hasn't met yet and the committee has two members.

Committee on Student-Faculty Relations

Senator Lima mentioned that the co-chairs are active through email and that one of the objectives was to garner more members. Right now there are three student members and another member of the COEDSA Council joined. There is a meeting scheduled for next week, which is meant to be a strategic meeting to look for their platform/topic and to look upon previous year and what was accomplished last year. He also noted he was talking with last year's senator and he hopes to get more information this week.

Senator Lucas added that there is a new faculty member on board as well. He is waiting for two other possible members and is hoping for 8-9 members.

Committee on Diversity

Senator Uyehara noted that they had a meeting yesterday and announced they had a good mix of committee members, including faculty and some APTs. She said they talked about what diversity exactly means and concluded that this encompasses different ethnic groups that may be underrepresented, Native Hawaiians, LGBT, students with disabilities, etc. They looked at what we are going to do this semester realistically, as well as for next semester and next year.

This semester, based upon conversations with Chair O'Neill, Dean Young and Senator Yuen at last month's pau hana, they talked about keeping it on the college level and inviting people from different departments/units to talk about what they are doing, the "latest and greatest," and whatever they choose to talk about on what their departments/units are doing to increase diversity. The next question is what does this mean, with faculty and students, and how. Our plan hopefully by next week is to create a survey monkey with collective questions and send them to people we've identified. Senator Furuto will connect it back to the WWV. The idea is to have presentations at the pau hana events. Half the time we don't know what others are doing.

Next semester, we are looking at the same type of collaborations but across the campus. For next year, we discussed having a diversity day where we have booths to create more awareness and have an open forum for faculty to engage with students. The following semester it would be more in terms of the community and connecting it to other system campuses, to see what others are doing for diversity and knowledge.

Chair O'Neill brought up that if Senator Uyehara wants feedback, it can build it into the agenda. Senator Uyehara asked if anybody has any thoughts about it. Senator Yuen said this

could also just be half of the departments now so it gives time for us. Senator Uyehara asked if it was decided on the day in November the pau hana would be. Chair O'Neill asked to hold off on this for now, but it is usually the last Friday of the month.

Committee on Fellowship

Senator Leong said the committee has 11 members. The main objective is the COE Congress meeting. Winter is the theme, and there is an idea of a bake contest. For the social, there were 33 RSVPs, about 50 people came that included some who didn't RSVP. He also thanked several people who helped to plan the event. There was also a discussion that the monthly socials could be a rotating assignment. Chair O'Neill noted these are very important spaces to have and is thankful for the Dean and that he is able to financially support them. Senator Uyehara volunteered the Diversity Committee for the November social. Chair O'Neill also mentioned she will check with SPED if they are able to sponsor the October social.

Committee on Governance

Senator Yuen said that this committee deals with the bylaws and when things come up. There are three current members. If you have any questions or concerns about the bylaws, she asked the Senate to let her know and she will add it to their agenda.

Report from the Mānoa Faculty Senate

Senator Roberts said that the MFS Senate Executive Committee (SEC) is talking a lot about the budget and that at their last MFS meeting, they voted to censure President Lassner over his handling of the situation surrounding Chancellor Apple's dismissal. There was real debate to do a motion of no confidence, and in the end it was kept the way it was with the censure language. A resolution was also passed regarding the Board of Regents (BOR) that was pointed and respectful, and had six points they thought the BOR made mistakes on and were not happy with their actions. It included recommendations to work on things, including committee structures, etc.

Senator Ericson brought up an example including the BOR's Committees on Athletics and Academic Affairs. He said they should be involved in setting broad policy for the university, administration and faculty, but pointed out there was operational meddling. They saw considerable meddling in athletics. The athletics department is already involved in cost overruns, deficits and huge problems with two ongoing investigations right now.

Senator Roberts said that the resolution passed unanimously with one abstention. It asked for a meeting with the SEC and the regents to air issues and concerns. The other issue being raised is for the regents to consider to motion a consideration for a faculty seat on the BOR. She brought up there is a student seat but no comparable way the faculty have of addressing the regents in any form of matter. There will be a meeting with Regent Chuck Gee and Chair Randy Moore on Monday to discuss this with them. She is not sure where it will go. With the censure of

President Lassner, the message they wanted to send is that they are watching. If anything else happens, there could be a vote of no confidence. Whether they can alter the behavior of the regents is not known, but they can express their disapproval and concerns. The regents are there for the UH System, but they are particularly micromanaging Mānoa.

Chair O'Neill asked Senator Roberts as they move to that meeting, if she wants feedback from this space. Senator Roberts then asks the Senate for their thoughts. Senator Novosel said she does not know enough about the implications. Senator Roberts explains that the censure is a message that is serious, bad, and saying that they are not happy with him (President Lassner). This has emerged from an accumulation of things that have been happening and not just based on one incident. They are trying to work with the administration and to let them know that this isn't okay and that it is interfering with the Mānoa campus. There are issues including the budget and conversations about the Mānoa chancellor being the System president. Everything is sort of in turmoil. They are trying to pull it back up and becoming a united front as faculty. They are not happy about the transparency, etc.

Chair O'Neill shared that she is torn on a censure space and is worried about how it makes us look as faculty. The media loves to make Mānoa look bad and worries of our actions, which could be a disservice to the faculty. She questions on how do we fight back and work with issues. She questions how we can get a more positive view of UH.-

Senator Roberts said that we have to let them know we care about our governance and that people need to be aware of the issues. The SEC is trying to take a more tempered approach.

Senator Roberts also brings up that there also was confusion on the hiring freeze and its impact. Other issues surrounding recruitment and retention of students, grievance processes, admissions process and how they vary. She will share what comes up at these committee meetings that discusses these issues. It is important for us to focus on the work done for students.

Senator Uyehara asked what Senator Roberts means by a censure, and Senator Ericson clarifies it regarding a specific action disapproved and that they are censuring the process.

Report from the ACCFSC

Co-Chair Kukahiko said that the ACCFSC is having the same conversations at their meetings but are moving beyond that. Paul McKimmy was volunteered to serve on one of the UH vice president search committees. There was discussion on the UHPA task force composition that will go back to the SEC. UHPA felt like they were asked to respond to issues in the right of UHPA. The Mānoa representative was adamant about having more than one representative on this task force.

Senator Ericson asked how the issue about UHPA and UH got raised, as it was a settled issue. Co-Chair Kukahiko said she does not know, and that the task force is being convened this year with President Lassner and UHPA representatives and that is where the request for four representatives is coming from.

Chair O'Neill said that UHPA and President Lassner instigated it and it came up initially at a retreat. She believes it came from President Lassner's office, and that the goal was more communication and there to be representatives from the faculty side of communication to not have the same union issues as before.

Co-Chair Kukahiko said even if they recommend people, ultimately they would need to be approved by President Lassner.

Chair O'Neill emphasized open communication, and that the idea came from the conflict from last year. Co-Chair Kukuahiko said there was strong thought about certain individuals representing Mānoa because of their institutional knowledge. She also suggested sending people who are not in conflict with the President in order to have productive conversations.

Dean's Report

Associate Dean Beth Pateman said that Jessica and herself from the Dean's Office went to the CAP meeting regarding developing advanced program study standards. She said she has never seen so many mandates, and that the U.S. Department of Education released some new teacher regulations. They are trying to make sense of it and finding where things are in common and to do them once. They are trying to make it as reasonable as possible. She also said that she is going to a budget meeting for Dean Young today with the Chancellor. The message she got from it is that the colleges have received their allocations for the year, and basically they said to each to live within your means and do not dip within your reserves. They think in another year things are going to get better.

Senator Ericson said there was a meeting this morning where EdTPA was a point of discussion. He asked what the relationship between CAPE and EdTPA is. Associate Dean Pateman said that CAP requires evidence on how our students do in terms of their teaching planning content knowledge. If they do the EdTPA, they will be doing the things to provide that evidence (they are one in the same).

New Business: Results of Google Form regarding Ad hoc Committees: Legislative Relations (Back to School Night Planning), Malama Honua (COE adopting the Worldwide Voyage)

Chair O'Neill said that the ideas that were posted on the survey was a tour of COE and sparked discussion on what it might look like. The idea is to make it explicit in the work we do and why it is important. Ideas included having alumni and students speak and making clear the history of COE. The committee will start planning this, but Chair O'Neill asked if there are other ideas or if we should be careful of this, too. She wants to know why people are weary and asks for things to be cautious about.

Senator Spitler asked what the legislators want to know about the COE, and what are there curiosities. She also asked what their top 10 things to know are and that it should be incorporated as much as possible.

Senator Yuen said we are helping them to formulate a platform. It is as if there is a blank slate, and we are helping them to form an agenda for the year.

Chair O'Neill said she could go back to Senator Tokuda and see what we can focus on.

Senator Yuen brought up that she thought the event was the opposite of what was described.

Senator Uyehara it is like a catalyst, and that we should release something to the press (press release) before hand to certain people to make it look like the COE is inviting them and that if they do not come, it may not bode well on them.

Discussion was also brought up about having a table at UH Day down at the Legislature.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair O'Neill adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

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