



FACULTY SENATE 2008-2009

Executive Committee: Chair's Report—April 1, 2009

1. All-Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC)—3/19/09 (1:00-3:00, HON)

UH President David McClain updated the ACCFSC on the latest economic situation. The total reduction in general funds from the House Finance Committee was estimated at \$49M, but the President expected the amount to be offset by federal stimulus monies in the range of \$159M, some for capital improvement (CIP) and some for operating costs, two-thirds of which was to be available in the spring, and another third in the fall. He was expecting no more budget restrictions in the current fiscal year. He indicated that the BOR-approved budget posted on its website was closest to where we were in terms of actual amounts. President McClain is planning a public announcement on UH finances for the end of April. VP for Planning Linda Johnsrud presented a summary of system-wide coordination of resources for academic planning: in the area of Early Childhood Education, four community colleges had programs to articulate with UHWO, and in Secondary Education with UHWO, UHH, and UHM. Discipline meetings were continuing in engineering, HS English liaisons, and math which continues to be a barrier in STEM courses.

2. Community College Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (CCCFSC)—3/19/09 (3:00-4:30, HON)

VPCC John Morton reported that in the latest round of cuts, the community colleges had made out “embarrassingly well.” Although an additional \$5M was cut from UHH, \$25M from UHM, and \$5M from the UH system, the CCs were not hit with any further reductions. Yet unknown was the division of federal stabilization funds between the DOE and UH, or even the actual amount (between \$158 and \$192M). Jill Tokuda of the Senate Ways and Means Committee has identified the CCs as her highest priority. VP Morton also indicated that, buried in the stimulus package, were energy, workforce, and broadband initiatives. Cuts were anticipated in the KAP Ka'ie'ie Program for unknown reasons. In the House version of CIP monies, WIN library was in, as was the MAU science building, and \$5M for LCCW renovation. The LEE education building, HON advanced technology facility, and HAW/KAU Native Hawaiian Centers were not funded. The UHCC Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on April 9th to examine first year results of goal setting at the campus and system levels. The *New Student Survey of Engagement* (NSSE) was also being considered as a possible alternate to the CCSSE. Guest Sandra Uyeno shared information that under the present configuration of Tenure and Promotion which locus was at the campus level, the denial rate remained consistent with the prior UHCC system locus, five percent. Scheduled for the next meeting were an examination of what happens to student activity fees at each of the campuses, and discussion of possible abuses in procedures for withdrawals after the deadline date.

3. LCC Campus Council Meeting—3/16/09 (2:0-3:30, LA 230)

Participants Kathy Hill, Guy Nishimoto, and Aulii Ross reported on attending the *Achieving the Dream* Conference: there are currently four working groups at LEE involved in the program. A first draft of a revised Campus Council Charter was discussed: PPA Director Kathy Hill is proposing a consolidation of Campus Council and the Executive Planning Council due to a perceived overlap in duties and membership. Changes/additions were identified and a second draft was set to be circulated to the members. There was also discussion as to how such a consolidation would need to be approved. Campus Council will meet on 5/11/09 to review the draft of the ACCJC Midterm Report due in Fall 2009.

4. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Thursday, April 9: UHCC Strategic Planning Committee (1:00-4:00, Dole St. Conference)
Friday, April 17: ACCFSC/CCCFSC Meetings at UHWO (9:00-11:00; 1:00-3:00 p.m.)
Monday, April 20: Campus Council Meeting (2:00-3:30, LA 230)
Saturday, April 25: Annual UHPA Membership Meetings (8:30 a.m., UHM Campus Center)
Wednesday, April 29: Faculty Senate Meeting (3:00-5:30, BE 105)