

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
ALL CAMPUS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE CHAIRS  
PROPOSED CHARTER REVISION  
(Approved by ACCFSC for Ratification Process on March 18, 2005)

PREAMBLE

In recognition of the importance of Faculty Senates throughout the University of Hawai'i System in promoting shared governance and cooperative relationships among the faculty, students, administration, and Board of Regents, the Faculty Senates hereby establish the University of Hawai'i All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs.

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE & FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The purpose of the University of Hawai'i All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC) is to provide a formal, independent voice and organization through which the faculty of the University of Hawai'i System can participate in the development and interpretation of system-wide policy, and to promote and improve coordination, communication, and understanding among the faculty, students, community, administration, and Board of Regents. Specifically, the Council should endeavor:

- 1) To advise the President of the University and the Faculty Senates or equivalent organizations on system-wide academic and governance issues;
- 2) To share information regarding the various campuses and programs of the University of Hawai'i System;
- 3) To promote an open, democratic, and collegial discussion of issues of system-wide concern;
- 4) To promote the involvement of faculty at all levels of the University in matters of shared governance and academic policy and planning.

The Council may discuss matters that are of general concern to the University, not subject to collective bargaining, and which are placed before it by members of the Council, the constituent University of Hawai'i Faculty Senates, the student governments, the University of Hawai'i President, other administrative officers of the University of Hawai'i, or the Board of Regents.

The primary responsibility for academic policy resides in individual Senates; therefore, policy recommendations of the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs shall not supersede academic policies of the individual Senates.

ARTICLE II

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

- A. The Council shall consist of one Senate Chair from each of the Faculty Senates or equivalent faculty governance organizations from each campus, school, and college of the University of Hawai'i System.
- B. Each faculty organization may send a second representative. The second representative is a member of the Council, but each faculty organization has only one vote in the Council.
- C. The term faculty as used herein shall refer to those employees of the University of Hawai'i System designated as members of Collective Bargaining Unit 7 as determined by the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

### ARTICLE III

#### OFFICERS

The officers of the Council shall be two Council Co-Chairs and one Council Secretary elected from among the members of the Council.

The Co-Chairs of the Council must be Faculty Senate Chairs and elected in consideration of diversity in types and locations of the System's institutions and campuses.

The Co-Chairs shall call meetings of the Council, set the agenda, and preside at those meetings.

The Secretary of the Council shall be responsible for keeping written minutes of Council meetings and for distributing the minutes to the Council members.

### ARTICLE IV

#### AMENDMENTS & RATIFICATION

Ratification of and subsequent amendments to this Charter shall require a two-thirds approval of the Faculty Senates or equivalent organizations, and approval of the Board of Regents.

BYLAWS  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
ALL CAMPUS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE CHAIRS

Section I: Meetings of the Council

- A. The Council will meet monthly during the academic year on dates that coincide with the regular meetings of the Board of Regents.
- B. A quorum shall consist of those members of the Council present at each meeting, in person, by electronic media, or by proxy, provided, however, that each member shall be given reasonable advance notice of each meeting date and location.
- C. At the last meeting of each academic year, each constituent Faculty Senate will send both their outgoing and incoming representatives to that Council meeting.
- D. At the first Council meeting of the academic year, the Council members will elect its officers from among its members.

Section II: Elections & Voting

- A. Each Faculty Senate officially represented at a Council meeting will have one vote.
- B. One Co-Chair will be from a community college, the other from either UH West Oahu, UH Hilo or UH Manoa.

Section III: Agenda & Business

- A. The All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC) will discuss those issues it believes are necessary to carry out its purpose and functions as described in its Charter. It will determine which issues require consultation with its constituent Senates and which require ACCFSC action. In the latter case, the Council shall articulate those positions it believes best represent the views and best interests of faculty throughout the University of Hawai'i System.
- B. The Co-Chairs, after consulting with the Council membership, shall annually submit a request for operational funds to the office of the President of the University of Hawai'i. The budget shall include adequate funds for travel, clerical support, and other costs associated with each meeting of the ACCFSC.

#### Section IV: Committees

- A. The Council shall appoint from among its members (and/or from other Faculty Senators as it deems appropriate) sufficient committee members to fill the following standing committees:
  - 1. Academic Affairs;
  - 2. System Budget.
  
- B. Ad hoc committees may be formed and appointed by the Co-Chairs from among its members (and/or from other Faculty Senators as it deems appropriate) .

#### Section V: Ratification & Amendments

Ratification of and amendments to these Bylaws, not inconsistent with the Charter, may be made at any council meeting by a two-thirds vote of the attending members or their proxies.

#### Section VI: Rules

The rules contained in the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Charter and Bylaws of the Council.