MINUTES

Meeting Date:	December 16, 2016
Meeting Location:	SSB 201
In Attendance:	Norbert Furumo, Karen Pellegrin, Jim Beets, Drew Martin, Misaki Takabayashi, Kurt De La Cruz, Yumiko Ohara, Philippe Binder, Tom DeWitt, Linda Connelly, Brian Wissman, Brian Bays, Armando Garcia, Mindy Alles, Steven Colbert, Kirsten Mollegaard, Jonathon Goebel, Vladimir Skorikov, Mary Louise Haraguchi, Janet Ray, Alice Davis, Tracy Wiegner, Susan Shirachi
Recorded By:	Karen Pellegrin
Call to Order:	3:06 PM
Adjournment:	4:34 PM

TOPIC: **Faculty Congress Chair Report**

REPORT: Norbert Furumo reported on:

- The committee that has been convened recently to review the expired UH Hilo strategic plan
- FC representatives to serve on the Chancellor's new Academic & Athletic Advisory Committee

ACTIONS: None

TOPIC: **Consent agenda**

REPORT: Norbert Furumo reported that Shelby Wong's report had been inadvertently omitted from the distribution prior to the meeting and, therefore, would be removed from the consent agenda. Norbert asked if there were any requests to remove any other items from the consent agenda list for discussion. Mary Louise Haraguchi requested that Assessment Committee report be removed. There were no other requests.

ACTIONS: Jan Ray moved to approve the remaining consent agenda items; motion was seconded; motion was approved, 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

TOPIC: **Standing Committee Reports**

REPORT: Norbert Furumo read Shelby Wong's report.
Mary Louise Haraguchi reported on Assessment Committee issues.

ACTIONS: None

TOPIC: **Old Business: Revised motion to amend bylaws to allow non-congress members to chair standing committees.**

REPORT: Norbert Furumo reported on the revised motion.

ACTIONS: Norbert Furumo moved to approve the revised motion; motion was seconded. Friendly amendments were proposed by Jim Beets to change "members" to

"representatives," by Susan Shirachi to change "which" to "who," and by Jan Ray to change "are" to "is." After significant discussion about current FC committee structure, membership, and succession planning, Jim Beets made a subsidiary motion to postpone the motion indefinitely; motion was seconded; the subsidiary motion was approved, 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

TOPIC: **New Business: Discussion regarding possible motion to require Deans to support a department's decisions regarding GE substitution.**

REPORT: Misaki Takabayashi reported on current issues and processes involved in student requests to have courses they have already taken be determined to meet GE requirements. There was extensive discussion about this, the process of determining which courses meet GE criteria, and system problems that prevent timely student graduation.

ACTIONS: Jan Ray moved to table the issue and continue discussion in January; motion was seconded and approved, 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

TOPIC: **Vox populi**

REPORT: A request was made to invite Chancellor Straney to present to FC on the state of affairs, student enrollment, and the future of UH Hilo, along with a question and answer session.

ACTIONS: None

TOPIC: **Adjournment**

REPORT: None.

ACTIONS: Jan Ray moved to adjourn; motion seconded; all in favor.

ABBREVIATIONS:
FC = Faculty Congress
EC = Executive Committee of Faculty Congress
VC = Vice Chancellor
CAS = College of Arts and Sciences
CAFNRM = College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management
DKICP = Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
CoBE = College of Business and Economics
KHUOK = Ka Haka ʻUla o Keʻelikōlani College of Hawaiian Language