



MINUTES

Meeting Date:	September 17, 2021
Meeting Location:	CoBE 101 and Virtual via Zoom
In Attendance:	Jean Ippolito (Chair), Harvey Tajiri, Steve Herman, Susan Jarvi, Alex Nagurney, Travis Mandel, Nicholas Krueger, Patricia Hensley, Francis Dumanig, Karen Pellegrin, Sijie Sun, Jan Ray, Amy Saxton, Chris Lauer, Diane Van Hoose, Maria Haws, Margary Martin, Shawon Rahman, Brian Bays, Matthew Knope, Seri Luangphinit, Sunyoung Kim, Rayna Morel, Armando Garcia-Ortega, Jim Mike, Sukhwa Hong, Ozan Atalag, Andrey Simonov, Su-Mi Lee, Ryan Perroy, Chun-Feng Kuo, Camlan Masuda, Bonnie Irwin, Susan Shirachi, Kris Roney, Efren Ruiz, Farah-Marie Gomes, Leng Cheng, Shelby Wong Iwamoto, Cheri Keli‘i-Marumoto, Kananinohea Māka‘imoku
Absent:	Kevianna Adams, Jarrad Prudencio, Jason Cabral
Recorded By:	Chris Lauer
Call to Order:	3:04 PM
Adjournment:	5:02: PM

TOPIC: Special Guest Harvey Tajiri

REPORT: Harvey Tajiri recounted to Faculty Congress some of the history that led to the formation of UH Hilo and the history of lobbying at the state legislature on behalf of the university.

TOPIC: Approving 5-7-21 Minutes

ACTIONS: Jan Ray moved to accept the minutes; Alex Nagurney seconded; motion passes 19-0-2

TOPIC: FC Standing Committees Membership

REPORT: Chair Ippolito proposed voting on Standing Committee membership collectively.

ACTIONS: Steve Herman moved to accept the previously distributed standing committee membership lists; Sue Jarvi seconded; motion passes 21-0-0

TOPIC: College Senate Reports

REPORT: The CAS and CNHS Senates submitted committee reports; Chair Ippolito suggested FC vote to approve them collectively.

ACTIONS: Karen Pellegrin moved to accept the reports; Sukhwa Hong seconded; motion passes 21-0-0.

TOPIC: Chair's Report
REPORT: FC Chair Jean Ippolito reported that VCAA Roney is soliciting feedback on aligning UHH's summer teaching schedule with the UH system's. Contact either Chair Ippolito or VCAA Roney to comment. She also showed the redesigned Faculty Congress website, which has more detailed information on FC motions. The Faculty Congress Strategic Vision blog was also shown.
ACTIONS: Steve Herman moved for FC to move into executive session at 4:30 to consider Motion 20-21-023; Karen Pellegrin seconded; motion passes 20-1-0.

TOPIC: **Reports from Ex Officio Members**
REPORT: Chancellor Irwin reported that the WASC visit has been postponed until April. She also explained the process by which the university decided which courses to allow to change modalities at the beginning of the semester. Next semester there will be some flexibility to change modalities depending on circumstances. Faculty are encouraged to read the report from the Regents from September 16. Invitations are being made to compose a community advisory board. The Climb High organization is looking for guest speakers to reach out to local students. Vice Chancellor Roney reported that the new Tenure and Promotion portal is live. There will be a more robust vaccine mandate for the spring semester; eight faculty lines have been fully approved for new hires and one more is in process toward approval.
Vice Chancellor Farah-Marie Gomes reported that electronic applications for Fall 2022 are live. Interim admissions criteria have been retained for another year due to the pandemic. There are almost 600 students living in the residence halls, and many would like more engagement on campus.

TOPIC: **FC Liaison Reports**
REPORT: Steve Herman reported on the latest meeting of the All-Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC). Campuses are coordinating on how to define small programs at different campuses. There was some discussion of evaluating administrators. There is widespread feeling among system faculty that there are problems with the proposal to reform tenure.
ACTIONS: Steve Herman moved to form an ad hoc committee to discuss the tenure recommendations to BOR and make recommendations to Faculty Congress; Jan Ray seconded. Steve Herman moved to vote; Karen Pellegrin seconded; motion passes 18-0-2

TOPIC: **Standing Committee Reports**
REPORT: Jan Ray of the APC reported that there are three outstanding motions from previous years that the APC committee is looking into.
Seri Luangphinit of the Assessment Support Committee reported on a letter from WASC asking to come to campus in April. Departments will need to show more robust assessment of program learning outlines before the meeting.

TOPIC: **Old Business: Motion to Revise Bylaws --**

REPORT: Since there is a friendly amendment, Chair Ippolito recommended that the second reading of the motion be postponed until the next meeting. No objections were voiced.

ACTIONS: None

TOPIC: **New Business:**

REPORT: CNHS has sent a proposal to clarify the qualifications for promotion from Instructor to Assistant Professor

ACTIONS: The question was referred to the Academic Policy Committee.

Faculty Congress moved to Executive Session at 4:38 PM

TOPIC: **Old Business: Motion 20-21-0023 to Amend Bylaws for Administrator Evaluations**

REPORT: Second Reading

ACTIONS: Jan Ray offered a friendly amendment to add the word “quantitative” to the revised bylaws. Travis Mandel moved to accept the amendment; Alex Nagurney seconded; motion passes 11-2-3

Steve Herman moved to vote on the motion to publish results; Sue Jarvi seconded. Motion carries 10-0-5

TOPIC: **Vox populi**

REPORT: There were no comments.

ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: **Adjournment**

REPORT: None.

ACTIONS: Steve Herman moved to adjourn at 4:37pm, and the motion was seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved with 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

CNHS = College of Natural & Health Sciences

DKICP = Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

CoBE = College of Business and Economics

KHUOK = Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language

LIB = Library

BOR = Board of Regents

UHHSA = UH Hilo Student Association

CEC = Chancellor’s Executive Committee

ACCFSC = All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs

VCSA = Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

VCAA = Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs