



MINUTES

Meeting Date:	January 15, 2021
Meeting Location:	Virtual via Zoom
In Attendance:	Philippe Binder, Jason Iota Cabral, Francis Dumanig, Mary Louise Haraguchi, Patricia Hensley, Steve Herman, Randy Hirokawa, Tobias Irish, Patsy Iwasaki, Susan Jarvi, Matthew Knope, Frank Kuo, Chris Lauer, Seri Luangphinit, Kanani Maka`moku, Sharad Marahatta, Rayna Morel, Alex Nagurney, Joyce Norris-Taylor, Donna Ohora, Karen Pellegrin, Jarred Prudencio, Yucheng Qin, Shawon Rahman, Janet Ray, Michael Shintaku, Andrey Simonov, Sijie Sun Bonnie Irwin, Kris Roney, Kalei Rapoza, Armando Garcia-Ortego, Marianne Takamiya, Em de Pillis, Daniela Guendisch, Brian Wissman, Mazen Hamad, Jean Ippolito, Jim Mellon, Sarah Marusek, Shelby Wong, Pat Juszczak, Kirsten Mollegaard, Efren Ruiz, James Czarski, UH Hilo Disability Services, Francis Cristobal, Matt Platz, Harald Barkhoff, James Mike, Katherine Young, Leng Chee Chang, Michael Bitter, Charmaine Higa, Gail Makuakane-Lundin
Absent:	Kevianna Adams, Ozan Atalag, Eric Heuer, Sunyoung Kim, Joy Lovell
Recorded By:	Karen Pellegrin
Call to Order:	3:03 PM
Adjournment:	4:26 PM

TOPIC: **Opening Remarks**
REPORT: FC Chair Jan Ray called the meeting to order, confirming quorum via zoom attendance. She noted that the minutes from the November FC meeting were previously distributed, along with the following committee reports: General Education Committee report.
ACTIONS: Tobias Irish moved to approve the minutes and report, and the motion was seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved with all in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

TOPIC: **Officers’ Reports, Announcements, Updates, Guest Speakers**
REPORT: Chair Ray introduced the guest speakers. Chancellor Irwin provided brief updates on the budget, vaccinations, and current plans for the Fall semester. Vice Chancellor Roney commented on the need for a plan for student enrollment and success, President Lassner’s focus on “micro-credentials”, student retention, and grants. Vice Chancellor Rapoza reported that we are “in a holding pattern” with the budget until August, that the budget scenario submitted previously is “easing”, and that the Long Range Budget Planning Committee will continue meeting. Faculty asked questions about programs targeted for cuts and consideration of the revenue that programs generate. VC Roney commented that small and probationary programs are vulnerable. Chancellor Irwin commented that she submitted the proposed program cuts as a scenario not a plan, that she had assumed the impact of program revenue generation had been included in the

scenario, and that they are still considering administrative restructuring.

ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: FC Standing Committees Reports/Memberships/Updates

REPORT: Academic Policy Committee Chair Steve Herman reported that Leng Chee Chang will be the lead person working on the workload equivalency issue. Assessment Support Committee Chair Seri Luangphinith reported that we are in the final year of preparation prior to the WASC visit. Curriculum Review Committee Chair Alex Nagurney reported they have completed their work on the submissions. Faculty Development Committee Chair Yucheng Qin reported that they have finalized the mentoring guidelines and the online teaching peer-to-peer support network description. General Education Committee Chair Chris Lauer reported they have completed their work on the submissions. Budget Review Committee Chair Randy Hirokawa reported they are waiting for the budget and will meet later. Program Review Advisory Committee Chair Shawon Rahman reported their work continues. Student Success and Admissions Committee Chair Philippe Binder reported he will contact VC Roney to discuss these student issues. Distance Learning Advisory Committee Chair Jan Ray will get the committee started this semester.

ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: Ad Hoc Committee Report: Budget Crisis Committee

REPORT: Committee Chair Steve Herman reported meetings were held with elected officials and outreach will continue.

ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: Faculty Senate Chair Reports

REPORT: Mike Shintaku reported that CAFNRM senate have had discussions with UH Manoa regarding the possible merger of agriculture programs and improving coordination to meet student needs. Sijie Sun provide a brief update from CoBE senate. Sue Jarvi reported that DKICP senate is working on a response to VC Roney's response to the senate's budget and planning report and recommendations. Mary Louise Haraguchi reported that the Library senate has identified replacements upon her retirement.

ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: FC Liaison Reports

REPORT: Graduate Council Liaison Mike Shintaku reported that they have reviewed, revised, and approved their charter and will distribute the updated version soon. WASC Liaison Seri Luangphinith encouraged faculty to review the four posted essays which have been written by faculty. VC Rapoza is working on the essay on finances, and VC Roney is working on the essay on student success.

ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: Representatives Per College/Unit

REPORT: Chair Ray noted that there are no updates on college/unit representatives.
ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: **Old Business: Review of Outstanding Motions from 2017-2018 AY**
REPORT: Chair Ray noted that motion 17-18-004 (to request a policy for unregistered students attending UH Hilo classes) is still with System, and motion 17-18-009 (to develop guidelines and criteria for the transition from Instructor to Assistant Professor) is still with administration and UHPA.
ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: **Old Business: Review of Outstanding Motions from 2018-2019 AY**
REPORT: Chair Ray reported there were no updates on these motions.
ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: **Old Business: Review of Outstanding Motions from 2019-2020 AY**
REPORT: Chair Ray reported there were no updates on these motions.
ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: **Old Business: Review of Outstanding Motions from 2020-2021 AY**
REPORT: The request was made to move into a faculty-only session, and the executives respected this request and left the meeting. Steve Herman moved to un-table motion 20-21-010 (to remove ex-officio members from FC), and the motion was seconded. The rationale for the motion was discussed, along with the disadvantages. There was general agreement that faculty need a safe space for open discussion and that the best option might be to continue having faculty-only sessions at FC meetings. Steve withdrew his motion to un-table, returning motion 20-21-010 to the table.
ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: **New Business**
REPORT: There were no items of new business discussed.
ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: **Vox populi**
REPORT: There were no comments or issues raised.
ACTIONS: None.

TOPIC: **Adjournment**
REPORT: None.
ACTIONS: Tobias Irish moved to adjourn at 4:26pm, 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