All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs Meeting

February 25, 2011, 9:00 am – 11:30 am

1. Faculty Distributed Learning Advisory Committee has (finally) met. One more faculty member is needed to serve on both this committee and the “tech” DLAC. A faculty senate chair would be ideal. Will meet March 7, 2011.

2. Common course numbering – the issue is more with articulation of major course prerequisites when a student is coming in from the UH Community Colleges than with having common GE courses. There is already a MOA on articulation of General Education courses taken elsewhere in the UH system. Apparently there are three departments where there is a divergence of opinion of what should be included in the curriculum of those courses (such as philosophy). CCAO discussed this this week and want to isolate problem areas and bring together faculty from different campuses within the same department to discuss these issues.

3. David Lassner met with ACCFSC to discuss the move to google email. Our email will still be name@hawaii.edu, same password. Google will supply the server and offer additional options. Concern about security agreement and changes to the contract were discussed. We have a four year contract before any changes can be made.

4. Meda Chesney-Lind discussed business processes and attempts to streamline travel reimbursements. We are going from 70 days to 45 days for reimbursement of travel. E-travel is being used more widely and that is helping. List of seven items that must be produced on page 20 of the new Administrative procedures on travel manual. Fiscal officers thought they were criminally liable if travel report was wrong – this misinformation (intent is necessary for criminal behavior) has been pointed out to business officers. Fiscal officers need to develop a common culture of behavior and process instead of everyone having their own rules and procedures (other universities do post-audits instead of pre-audits). Howard Todo will report on this at the March meeting. Travel budget for faculty has declined almost 50% for UHM. Would like to see those funds restored. RTUF has also shrunk at UHM.

5. Howard Karr has been invited to the ACCFSC meeting in March, as well as Howard Todo to discuss finances. Barbara Leonard would like to discuss academic quality vs. quantity issues.

6. The shorter academic calendar was discussed with Linda Johnsrud. Student financial aid would not be impacted by a shorter schedule. Student financial aid is awarded by credit hours, not contact hours. More information is needed and Linda will look into some concerns.

7. Better communication between campuses regarding common courses was discussed (e.g., History 151, 152 changing the name of the course).