UH Hilo Faculty Congress
Minutes for April 9, 2010 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, K-127

2009-2010 Members Present:

Yumiko Ohara, Elizabeth Stacy, Brian Bays, Norman Arancon, Yucheng Qin, Norm Stahl, Ramon Figuroa, Tan Ghee, Kathleen Commendador, Kerri Inglis, Emmeline De Pillis, Jean Ippolito, Seri Luangphinth, Sabry Shehata

Members Not Present:
Harold Barkhoff, Hiapo Perreira, La’akea Yoshida. Barbara Leonard and Sevki Erdogan joined us at 4:30 pm.

New members of the 2010-2011 Faculty Congress in attendance:
Sarah Marusek, Political Science; Fiona McCormack, Anthropology

Ex-Officio Members Present:
Rose Tseng, Chancellor, Philip Castille, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Debra Fitzsimons, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, Randy Hirokawa, CAS Dean.

Other Guests Present:
Karla Hayashi

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Emmeline De Pillis, Vice-Chair, presided (Sevki Erdogan, Chair along with Barbara Leonard, Secretary, were attending the Chancellor Search Committee)

Chancellor Tseng was guest speaker to address the current and new members of Congress.

Notes from Chancellor Tseng’s presentation:

To summarize 12 years: increased enrollment, developed new facilities, increased degree programs, increased grants and research, etc.


When Rose Tseng arrived in 1998, the State’s economy was in difficulty. There was 10% unemployment. Compared to the rest of Hawaii, there was low enrollment for the local population.

The island was still transitioning from a plantation economy. Local population had to fight hard for many years to get access to higher education.

Wanted to work on UHH’s image by offering a broad range of liberal arts and professional programs, and take advantage of the natural learning laboratory of the island.
There were two Colleges: CAS and College of Agriculture. Since then the Hawaiian Language College was added, and the College of Business.

“Access and Excellence” for underserved and underrepresented students.

Have done well with university accreditation: 10 year accreditation. COBE, CHL, Nursing, Pharmacy, CAS Teacher Education program.

STEM Emphasis – includes Agriculture and nursing.

Enrollment growth – steady increases since 1997.
Increase in Hawaii Students 22% native Hawaiian, 69% instate, 30 out-of-state

New Student Life Center – important to the health and well being of students. Added support programs – Kilohana Academic Success Center

Resources – island laboratory.

Sustainability – using Hawaii resources to benefit Hawaii. A model for Pacific Islands.


Extramural Funding: 1998 $3.2 million; 2009 $20 Million.

Fundraising $6 million in 2009.

Outreach Centers: North Hawaii Education and Research Center, Small Business Development Center, Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center, Center for the Study of Active volcanoes, Conference Center

Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii – received money from State Government to integrate Science and Culture. Received National Science grant to provide free admission for school children.

Internationalization – Preparing students and community for a global society.

Soliciting flexibility in recruitment and international enrollment from the Board of Regents.

Enrollment and graduation rates exceeding the system percentages.

Economic Impact – Science and Technology Park – room to grow – over 700 acres.
Looking to the Future – a knowledge-based economy. Keep a good relationship with Mauna Kea environment and observatories, increase student housing, more professional programs.

Following Rose Tseng’s presentation, there was a Budget Report from Vice Chancellor Debra Fitzimons:

Distributed a handout showing the budget for FY2010.
Handout shows incoming resources, and budget allocations, reductions, government restrictions, etc.
Overview of future cuts being proposed by the State House and Senate – approximately 24%

Legislative Testimony by Rose Tseng, January 2010.

Facilities Update for 2010.
Shows projects in progress and projects just beginning including the new bookstore/student center and College of Hawaiian Language facility.

4:30 pm: Sevki Erdogan and Barbara Leonard joined for vote on Congress motions.

Motion 1: Change to Congress bylaws:

a) Motion to amend the bylaws (First reading March 12, 2010, second reading and vote April 9, 2010). Move to modify the charge to the Curriculum Review Committee as follows and amended (added text underlined):

f. Curriculum Review Committee

The Congress will appoint a Curriculum Review Committee of not less than five members with at least one member and one alternate from each degree-granting College, one member and one alternate from the Graduate Council, and the University Registrar or his/her designate. The Congress will also appoint a faculty member currently serving on Congress to serve as Chair of this Committee. The purview of this committee will be to approve all curricular revision and new curricula university-wide. New programs requiring BOR approval, after being reviewed and approved by the Curriculum Review Committee, will be submitted to Faculty Congress for a vote. Members shall serve two-year staggered terms. The Chair of this committee will receive a one-course course reduction or one-course overload payment for year. Terms of office will be overlapped so that each year half of the membership will be replaced to provide continuity from year to year.
Motion passed:13 in favor, 2 opposed, no abstain.

Motion 2 from General Education Committee: To reduce certification period from 7 to 5 years for courses certified as general education.

Motion passed: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, no abstain.

Motion 3 from GE Committee: Approval of revised GE Certification application form.

Motion passed: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, no abstain.

Motion 4: Approval of System-wide MOA for transfer of general education courses between UH campuses.  
Motion passed: 15 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion 5 from GE Committee: Endorsement of “Crosswalk” document for articulation of UHH GenEd and UHM Gen Ed courses for transfer.

Motion passed: 15 in favor, 0 opposed

Dr. Phil Castille addressed the new Congress members.  
Last year of UHH Strategic plan. We need to begin to “pre-plan” for our next strategic plan. New documents are available on the web.  
http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/strategicplan/2010-2018

Dr. Castille and Dr. Hong will commence a “Listening Tour” along with faculty and student representatives to gather information for the new Chancellor and the new UHH Strategic Plan. Pre-planning phase should finish up in Fall of 2010.

Faculty Congress was adjourned at 5:10 pm, to attend a reception hosted by Chancellor Tseng for the new and old Congress members. Thank you Chancellor Tseng!