

UH Hilo Faculty Congress January 2014 Meeting Minutes

January 17th from 3:00pm

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Members Present: Michael Shintaku, Jan Ray, Todd Shumway, Jim Beets, Erik Cleveland, Brian Bays, Abby Cuttriss, Avis Masuda, Norbert Furumo, Kimberly Furumo, Alice Davis, Mitchell Anderson, Julie Adrian, Em dePillis, Adam Pack, Jean Ippolito

Members Absent: Michael Bitter, Kekoa Harman, Jason Cabral, Mark Panek, Gary Ten Eyck, Julie Adrian, Thora Abarca

Others Present:

Approval of December Minutes: Moved by Michael Shintaku; seconded by Todd Shumway. Approved unanimously.

Chair's Report: The VCAA has asked Congress to come up with criteria for post-tenure review.

Motion by Jan Ray and seconded by Adam Pack to form an ad-hoc committee to propose guidelines for post-tenure review. Motion passed unanimously, 14-0. Jan agreed to chair the committee and recruit members.

Committee Reports*

*Please note that Committee Reports are for informational purposes only. For further clarification, suggestions, and/or airing of personal anecdotes, please see the relevant committee chair outside of the Congress meeting.

a. Assessment Support: Mitch Anderson provided the report linked on the ASC website.

b. Academic Policy: Jim Beets indicated that the Graduate Council is still reviewing the Policy Flowchart. Jim also reported that the APC reviewed and unanimously approved the BSN motion pasted below. **Motion** passed unanimously, 14-0.

c. Program Review: Mitch Anderson explained that programs up for review next year have been notified and offered assistance. He will be contacting faculty from departments up for review two years from now to join this committee so they can learn the PR process.

d. Student Success and Admissions, EMIT: Adam Pack

e. Budget: Brian Bays had nothing to report.

f. Curriculum Review: Norbert Furumo indicated that the CRC's final meeting would occur on 1/28.

g. General Education: Mike Bitter's report can be found on the GE page of the Congress website.

Senate Presentations

Jean Ippolito reported that the CAS Senate is working to clarify Early Promotion/Tenure guidelines. A motion was presented requesting to distinguish between LOL online labs and hands-on labs. The motion was sent to the CAS APC.

Em dePillis reported that CoBE is trying to follow its accreditation requirements by considering closing its loop on assessment. CoBE is concerned about a faculty shortage.

Old Business: Vote to approve the proposed policy of enforcement of sabbatical return policy pursuant to the May 2013 motion requesting such a policy. (Both the May 2013 motion and the proposed policy can be found easily on the Congress website.)

Motion passed unanimously, 14-0

New Business: Adam Pack reported that the Parking Task Force will be sending out a survey on parking. Jim Beets wanted to discuss the possibility of a Chair's School. **Motion:** Jim moved to form an ad-hoc committee to explore establishing a Chair's School. Jean Ippolito seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 14-0.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn: Todd Shumway, seconded by Mitch Anderson, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Anderson

APC Motion for UH Hilo Catalog Change to allow eligibility for School of Nursing students to achieve Honors recognition

It is proposed that the following change be approved for the UH-Hilo catalog to provide for 'Dean's List Honors' for students in the School of Nursing. Presently, SON students follow a cohort schedule that allows 9 credit hours with letter grade assignment and remaining credit hours in laboratory sections for 'Credit/No Credit'. This change would allow SON to achieve the honors in their curriculum.

Present catalog requirement (2013-14 Catalog, P. 20):

Honors

Dean's List

Shortly after the close of the Fall and Spring semesters, the names of all full-time undergraduate students enrolled for baccalaureate degrees who earned 12 or more semester credits for a **letter grade** at UH Hilo and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above in the preceding semester will appear on the Dean's List.

Proposed Change:

Shortly after the close of the Fall and Spring semesters, the names of all full-time undergraduate students enrolled for baccalaureate degrees who earned 12 or more semester credits for a **letter grade** at UH Hilo and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above in the preceding semester will appear on the Dean's List. School of Nursing (SON) students in the BSN program who have earned 9 or more semester credits in courses providing a **letter grade** at UH Hilo and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 'Credit' grade for all remaining BSN courses in the preceding semester will appear on the Dean's List.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The UHH Students in the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program follow a cohort schedule of 16 -18 credits per semester, however during a semester period, the theory courses with a letter grade assignment may total 9 credits, while the remaining and corresponding laboratory sections of the theory courses are graded as Credit/No Credit. The rationale for the laboratory section of the theory courses being assigned a credit/ no credit schema is due to the difficulty in assigning a letter grade to individual clinical experiences that many times are based on variables such as inpatient census, patient acuity and so on. The high number of credits associated with these Credit/No Credit courses, that are required for nursing students, leaves these students ineligible for recognition on the Dean's List and for honors at graduation. Additionally, this high number of Credit/No Credit courses leaves the School of Nursing graduating BSN students with only 35 credits rather than the 54 credits required to be considered for the Honor's list.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

The University of Hawaii at Hilo Faculty Congress supports the School of Nursing (UHH SON) request for a provision to be made for students in the BSN program so they be eligible to earn recognition on both the Dean's List and Honors.