CTAHR Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Minutes of the 13 November 2009 Meeting

Present: R. Bowen, L. Cox, J. Hollyer, B. Sipes, A. Titchenal, A. Wieczorek
Excused: S. Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. The minutes of the 19 October 2009 SEC meeting were approved with typographical errors noted and corrected.

2. Appointment of Faculty to Search Committees

Manoa Administration agreed with the Manoa Faculty Senate on a policy whereby a faculty senate will provide nominees for college search committees. No such request was solicited from the CTAHR Senate for the CTAHR Dean Search Committee.

The CTAHR SEC is disappointed and would have preferred to be consulted a priori. However in the interest of the college, the SEC is satisfied with the current search committee. College faculty are well represented. The SEC does not wish to disrupt the committee’s progress. The SEC will be more diligent in future administrative searches and ensure that the Manoa policy is followed.

3. Senate Survey

The results are almost ready. We will have a paragraph at the beginning summarizing the positives. Dick will provide the positive introductory paragraphs. Ania will edit all pages for uniform style and have them completed by 1 December 2009. Dick and Allen will meet with the Dean, Associate Deans, and office directors. The appropriate committee chair will be invited to the Associate Dean meetings. The standing committees will be charged with follow through on the action items identified in the small meetings.

4. Senate Bylaws

The committee size amendment is ready for Senate vote. Shortening the 2-week time was discussed. The 2-weeks between presentation and voting is prudent as it allows thoughtful action and may preclude rash changes. Electronic voting was discussed for the Senate and SEC. The SEC will develop and adopt a policy on electronic voting. Brent will write a draft to circulate. The Bylaws do not seem to preclude electronic meetings if held as a special meeting. Options will be explored as to how a Laulima or Survey Monkey might be used for Senate issues in the future.

5. Dean Hashimoto

Budget issues are still dependant upon a faculty contract resolution. The Senate survey should probably be summarized before presentation so that important issues are conveyed
to Associate Deans. A. Chang is conducting interviews for a Fiscal Officer. Two other fiscal positions are open as well. The lay-off bumping has not affected the college to date.

6. Committee Reports

   No updates for Personnel, Research, Extension or Elections. The Instruction committee has been active and will need time to report at the Senate meeting.

7. Manoa Faculty Senate

   BOR claims a “fiscal exigency” was approved in executive session. The faculty union disagrees.

8. Union Contract

   The union and university may settle by December. The university does not seem to want to bargain.

9. Resolutions

   L. Cox drafted resolutions of appreciation for Wayne Nishijima and Pua’ala Fisher as they retire. These will be presented and voted on at the Senate meeting.

10. Senate Agenda

    Nothing was added to the draft prepared by L. Cox.

    The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

    Respectively submitted, Brent Sipes