

**Honolulu Community College  
FSEC Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2008**

Members Present: Jim Poole, Tech II (Chair); Rob Edmondson, UC; Dave Panisnick, UC; Jerry Saviano, UC; Guy Shibayama, Tech I, Mike Castell, Tech II; Kaiulani Akamine, Student Services; Jennifer Asada, Student Rep.; Richard Lightner, Lecturer, Erika Lacro, Vice-Chancellor.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Poole at 11:00AM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Jerry Saviano asked for a change in the minutes that reflected his concern of repetition of duties between the CLT and Planning Council rather than the stated “danger” to the CLT as stated in the February 29 minutes. Changes were made, and the minutes of February 29, 2008 were approved.

**Motions Approved by FSEC with substantial discussion:**

**1. Change in Planning Committee Charter Language:**

Both David Panisnick and Jerry Saviano felt that the words “defeat” and “threats” in goal #4 sounds heavy and should be phrased as “monitor and respond to external complexities.”

Regarding the Planning Council Charter, David Panisnick wondered if the word “consult” is to be interpreted as “dictate,” an interpretation that seems to have been in effect regarding the change in “conduits” from hcc-1 to hcc-admin-announce.

**Mike Castell motioned to approve changes to Planning Council Charter; Kaiulani Akamine seconded. Passed unanimously.**

**2. Academic Freedom**

**The FSEC passed a motion that the FSEC is concerned about maintaining Academic Freedom at Honolulu Community College. (Jerry Saviano motioned; Richard Lightner seconded. Passed unanimously.)**

Discussion on the above motion was as follows:

David Panisnick felt that no rationale for pulling HCC-1 was supplied and no meaningful discussion took place. Vice-Chancellor Erika Lacro outlined the main points that the Chancellor made during the town meeting that was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Some members agreed that more explanation was needed on why Ramsey took such a step, and Jerry Saviano observed that this “town meeting” took place while many interested faculty members were teaching classes. Erika pointed out that the Chancellor was leaving the island the afternoon of the town meeting and that a later meeting was not possible.

Many FSEC members wondered if simple discussion in and of itself creates a “hostile environment.” Jim Poole pointed out that a discussion of certain sensitive subjects should be avoided because they will be perceived as being insensitive by certain individuals and causes an unwanted reaction by special interest organizations.

Erika further noted that she contacted UHPA, and they felt that the action by the Chancellor was appropriate.

Erika pointed out that the creation of honcc-1 by Sam Rhoads was an appropriate forum for the discussion of ideas, and the FSEC agreed that this list was a suitable alternative.

Kaiulani Akamine noted that the Native Hawaiian Center used an hcc-1 email that many found offensive as a teaching opportunity to instruct on the pervasiveness of institutional racism.

**Motions Approved by The FSEC with minimal discussion:**

1. Resolution condemning Manoa’s College of Arts and Science for obstructing the Multi-Campus Foundations Agreement. (David Panisnick motioned; Rob Edmondson seconded. Passed unanimously.) (See attachment to this document)
2. Change in COSA Charter (Mike Castell motioned; Jerry Saviano seconded. Passed unanimously.)
3. Change in CPC Charter (Jerry Saviano motioned; Kaiulani Akamine seconded. Passed unanimously)
4. Change in Health & Safety Committee Charter (Richard Lightner motioned; David Panisnick seconded. Passed unanimously.)

**Chancellor’s Report, given by Vice-Chancellor Lacro:**

The campus will probably have to deal with upcoming, although as yet unnamed, budget cuts.

The BOR approved the MELE program—starting officially Fall 08 and located under UC Humanities.

CCSSE surveys will be coming out soon.

There will be a demo of curriculum central Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm in cosmetology room.

Vice-President John Morton will be scheduling a series of Program Coordinator Meetings for numerous disciplines.

Student Rep Jennifer Asada asked for faculty members to hand out a student survey along with student evaluation forms.

Also, that there will be a hearing on Mass Transit from 3-5 April 14 Bldg 2 Loui Conference Room, and

Also, that May Day activities will take place in the Bldg 5 Courtyard.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

HONOLULU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION -  
REQUESTING ENFORCEMENT OF UH MULTI-CAMPUS GENERAL EDUCATION  
ARTICULATION POLICY - April 2008

WHEREAS, articulation of general education requirements within the UH System of Colleges and Universities is key to the successful transfer of students between UH institutions; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students transfer between UH campuses each year; and

WHEREAS, recent UH multi-campus registration policies have made it possible for students at one UH campus to take classes at other UH campuses; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of UH distance education classes has enabled students to take classes from several UH campuses simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, the resulting fluidity that students experience in earning credits at multiple UH campuses has dramatically increased the necessity of an effective general education articulation agreement; and

WHEREAS, UH Executive Policy E5.209 mandates general education transferability; and

WHEREAS, several UH campuses now subscribe to a Multi-campus General Education Agreement that specifies general education requirements, distributions, "hallmarks" for fulfilling these requirements, and processes by which courses that meet hallmark requirements for designation as general education area fulfilling; and

WHEREAS, the original (UHM) documents that established the revised General Education program requirements identified the Writing Intensive process as the model for articulating Foundation courses; and

WHEREAS, the Multi Campus Foundations Committee agreed to use the Writing Intensive process for identifying/articulating Foundations General Education courses; and

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences of UH-Manoa is violating that agreement by mandating Arts and Sciences majors (50% of Manoa's undergraduate students and in diverse disciplines such as English and Chemistry) take additional Foundation Symbolic Reasoning courses other than the course that the Foundation Committee of Honolulu Community College designated as a Foundations-fulfilling course;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of UH-Honolulu Community College formally requests that the UH Vice President of Academic Affairs move quickly to overturn this UHM College of Arts and Sciences action to ensure the future of the agreement, to demonstrate the university's commitment to effective transfer within the UH System, to attract other UH campuses to join the compact, and to prevent campuses from withdrawing from the agreement/compact.